PLANT FACT SHEET

Eugenia patrisii Vahl

GENUS *Eugenia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Fox cherry, Turtle berry, Turtle cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They are also used for jellies and icecream.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. It grows 5-7 m high. It can be 15 m high. Young branches are hairy. The leaves are papery. They are smooth above but slightly hairy underneath. They are 4-6 cm long. The leaf stalk has a groove along it. The flowers are in groups in or near the axils of leaves. The flowers are white. The fruit is round and 1-3 cm across. It has a thin skin and thick pulp. The pulp is edible. There are 1-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows naturally along the Amazon near black rivers.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seeds are collected from ripe fruit and the pulp removed. Seeds need to be planted fresh. Seedlings emerge in 30-40 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are grown slowly.

NOTES

There are about 550 Eugenia species. They are mostly in tropical and subtropical South America.

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