PLANT FACT SHEET

Coprosma hirtella Labill.

GENUS *Coprosma* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Coffee berry, Mirror plant, Rough Coprosma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

The fruit are eaten when fully ripe.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It is slender. It grows 1-2.5 m high and spreads 0.5-1.5 m wide. The leaves are 1-7 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. They are broadly oval. They are roughened and dull green with a long point. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers are 0.6 cm long and greenish. They occur in clusters. The fruit are fleshy with a stone inside. They are 1 cm across. They are orange-red or brown. They occur in clusters. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in open forest country. It needs adequate moisture and good drainage. It suits sub-alpine climates. It can grow in most soils in a protected and partly shaded position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Tasmania Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or stem cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 90 Coprosma species.

PICTURES



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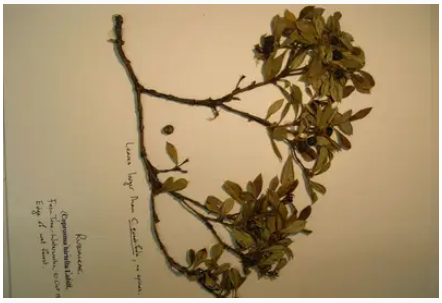

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