PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycium humile Phil.

GENUS *Lycium* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 20 cm tall. It can form dense mats over the ground. These can be 5 m across. It has tangled woody rhizomes under the ground. The stems are greyish-yellow. The leaves are alternate and succulent. They are light green and 2-16 mm long by 1-4 mm wide. The flowers occur singly and have 5 parts. The fruit is a flattened berry 7-8 mm across. They are blackish and have up to 25 seeds in each fruit.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant.

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