PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia lurida Blume

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Luris ardicia, Marlberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows about 7 m high. The leaves are alternate and oblong to sword shaped. They are 13-30 cm long by 4-8 cm wide. They are pointed at both ends. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. They are star shaped and light pink. The fruit is round and fleshy The fruit are black. They are 1 cm across. There is one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow up to 1,000 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Ardisia species. They are mainly in the tropics. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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