PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia thyrsiflora D. Don

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-5 m tall. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped. They are 12-20 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. They are entire and have gland dots. The flowers are red and in groups. The fruit is flattened and has red dots. They are 4 mm across. The fruit are 5 angled.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Assam it grows up to 1,300 m above sea level. It grows in valleys and damp places. Hobart Botanical Gardens. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

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

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