PLANT FACT SHEET

Melicope ternata J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.

GENUS *Melicope* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Wharangi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Resin, Gum

The gum is chewed.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 6 m tall. The small branches are slender and yellow-green. The leaves are opposite and have 3 leaflets. The leaves are 7-10 cm long and oval. The flowers are white. The fruit are dry and in clusters. They have a shiny black seed. As the fruit dry they split open to show 2-3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

PICTURES



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