PLANT FACT SHEET

Coprosma lucida J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.

GENUS *Coprosma* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Karamu, Patutiketike

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-6 m high. The leaves are very shiny. They are large leathery and oval. The male and female flowers are on separate plants. The female flowers are in clusters. The fruit are orange-red berries. They are 8-12 mm long. They ripen after 14 months from flowering.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. In New Zealand it grows from sea level to 1060 m altitude. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

NOTES

There are about 90 Coprosma species.

PICTURES



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