PLANT FACT SHEET

Acronychia laevis Forster & G. Forster

GENUS *Acronychia* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Hard aspen, Glossy acronychia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub. It grows 5-10 m tall and spreads 3-6 m across. The leaves have one leaflet which is oval. Leaves are 2-9 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. They are bright green and shiny on both sides of the leaf. There are several small oil dots. The end of the leaf is blunt. The flowers and small and white or cream. The flowers are 1.2 cm across and occur on branched flower stalks 2-7 cm long. These are in the angles where leaves join the stem. The fruit is pink or purple. It is ribbed and about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in Northeast Queensland and New South Wales in Australia and in New Caledonia. It needs a well drained moist soil. It prefers a protected position. It will grow on most soils. Plants are mostly in rainforest. Melbourne Botanical gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed. The seed germinate poorly. They should be soaked for several days before planting. It can probably also be grown from cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit is ripe June to October.

NOTES

There are 42-50 Acronychia species.

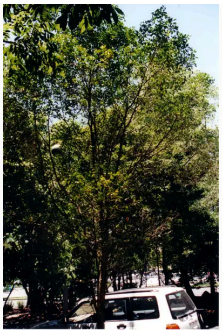
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