PLANT FACT SHEET

Coprosma pumila Hook.f.

GENUS *Coprosma* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Creeping Coprosma, Small mat coprosma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small matted shrub which grows along the ground. It spreads 30-100 cm wide. It roots at the nodes. The leaves are 0.5-1 cm long and 0.2-0.3 cm wide. They are shiny. Male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers are about 0.8 cm long. They occur singly at the ends of short branches. They are green. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone inside and is 0.6-0.8 cm wide. It is orange or red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in subalpine places above 500 m altitude. It requires cool, moist conditions. It needs rich, well drained soil. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed, cuttings or division.

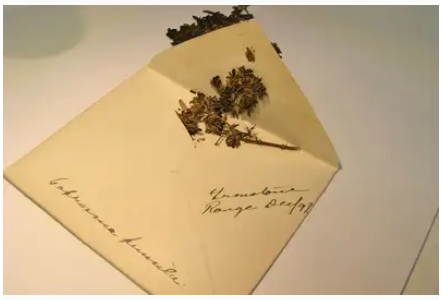
NOTES

There are about 90 Coprosma species.

PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

REFERENCES

Elliot, W.R., & Jones, D.L., 1984, Encyclopedia of Australian Plants suitable for cultivation. Vol 3. Lothian. p 85

Hibbert, M., 2002, The Aussie Plant Finder 2002, Florilegium. p 72

Kirkpatrick, J., 1997, Alpine Tasmania, An Illustrated guide to the flora and vegetation. Oxford, p

Lavelle, M., 2008, Wild Flowers of Australia and Oceania. Southwater. p 83

Morley, B. & Everard, B., 1970, Wild Flowers of the World. Ebury press. Plate 2

Plants of Tasmania Nursery & Gardens

Plants for a Future database, The Field, Penpol, Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 0NG, UK. http://www.scs.leeds.ac.uk/pfaf/

Tasmanian Herbarium Vascular Plants list p 51

Whiting, J. et al, 2004, Tasmania's Natural Flora. Tasmania's Natural Flora Editorial Committee PO Box 194, Ulverstone, Tasmania, Australia 7315 p 295

PROVIDED BY **Food Plants International**

French, B.R. & Maynard, A.R. Food Plants International Database. Food Plants International

LICENCE CC BY-NC-SA 3.0

ONLINE FACT SHEET https://www.echocommunity.org/en/resources/3db5456c-52fd-4a1b-b670-2ae658336548