PLANT FACT SHEET

Aucuba japonica Thunb.

GENUS *Aucuba* **FAMILY** Garryaceae

COMMON NAMES Spotted laurel, Japanese laurel

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub. It grows 1.8-3 m high. It forms sprouts at the base. Stems are weak and lay on the ground forming roots. The leaves are large and glossy. They They are 25 cm long and have teeth. The flowers are small and white, purple or red. The fruit are berries and are green but eventually turn scarlet. They droop in clusters. Fruit are 12 mm long. Trees can be separately male and female.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They can tolerate frost. It will grow on almost any soil. It can tolerate dry shade. It suits hardiness zones 7-9. At Anvers Chocolate factory. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or tip cuttings. They can also be grown by layering.

NOTES

There are 3 or 4 Aucuba species. Also put in the family Aucubaceae. There is only one genus in the Aucubaceae

PICTURES



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