PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia ecalyculata Vell.

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - coffee, Flowers

The fruit are roasted and made into a coffee drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen tree. The crown is oval and dense. It grows 8-12 m tall. The trunk is 30-40 cm across. The leaves are narrowly oval to sword shaped. The fruit are red and like a coffee bean.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows as an understorey tree in the forest. It suits moist, well-drained fertile soils. It suits a sunny position. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seeds. It is best if the hard seed coat is broken by light scratching. It is best put into a nursery and then transplanted into the field after 6-9 months.

NOTES

It contains caffeine.

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