PLANT FACT SHEET

Guettardella tenuiflora F. Muell. ex Benth.

GENUS *Guettardella* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Crimson berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A bushy shrub. It grows to 6 m tall. The young shoots have silky hairs. The leaves are simple, oval and 4-17 cm long by 8 cm wide. They are thin in texture and hairy underneath. The flowers are white and have a scent. They are 0.6 cm across and the base is like a slender tube. The are produced in clusters at the ends of branches. The fruit is 4 angled and red or purple. It is about 1 cm long. The fruit are edible. There is one seed which is 5-12 mm long and lobed.

HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. It needs a well drained moist soils and a shady position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants flower in September to October and fruit are ripe in January to March (August to April).

NOTES

There are 40 Guettardella species. They are mostly in the tropics.

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