PLANT FACT SHEET

Euclea crispa subsp. linearis (Zeyh. ex Hiern) F. White

GENUS *Euclea* **FAMILY** Ebenaceae

COMMON NAMES Lance-leaf guarri, Asbestos bush, Lance-leaved euclea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are edible. They are sweet tasting.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It is 1-4 m high. It has underground stems or rhizomes. It has many branches. These are slender and light grey. The leaves are mostly narrow and curved. They are hard and grey-green. Leaves are 1.3-8 cm long by 2-6 cm wide. They are narrowed at the base. The male and female flowers occur on separate trees. The flowers are small and cream. The fruit are small and round. Usually there is one seed. The fruit are black when ripe. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It grows on dry rocky ridges. It grows in woodland. It grows between 1,000-1,450 m above sea level. It cannot tolerate frost. It can grow in arid places.

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