PLANT FACT SHEET

Schmaltzia integrifolia (Nutt.) F. A. Barkley

GENUS *Schmaltzia* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Lemonade berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used to make a drink. They are crushed in water. It should not be boiled as this releases tannic acid. They can be dried for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3 m tall. It has many spreading branches. The leaves are dark green and leathery. The edges can have small sharp teeth. The flowers are white to pink and small in tight clusters at the ends of the branches. The fruit is fleshy and flat and sticky.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It is drought tolerant once established and can tolerate frost. In California it grows up to 850 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 200 Rhus species.

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