PLANT FACT SHEET

Photinia arbutifolia Lindl.

GENUS *Photinia* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Christmas berry, California holly, Tollon, Toyon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw, roasted, steamed or boiled. They are best with some sugar added.
They can be made into cider.

DESCRIPTION

A tall evergreen shrub. It grows to 4-9 m high. The leaves are thick and leathery. They are 5-10 cm long. They are glossy dark green. The edges have sharp teeth. The flowers occur in flattened heads. The fruit are bright red berries.

HABITAT

It grows in drier regions. It does best in full sun but can grow in light shade. It needs a moderately fertile, well drained soil. It is frost hardy. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings. It can be pruned to form a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 60 Photinia species.

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