PLANT FACT SHEET

Clidemia hirta (L.) D. Don

GENUS *Clidemia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Koster's curse, Hairy Clidemia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw. The seeds are also eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A slightly woody herb or shrub. It grows up to 1 m high. The stem is hairy. The flowers are small. The leaves have pleated surfaces. It can produce 5,000 seeds each year. One fruit can have 100 seeds. The fruit are purple. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in the humid lowlands. It can grow in shady places. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Fruit occur in both the dry and the rainy season.

NOTES

It can be invasive.

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