PLANT FACT SHEET

Alectryon coriaceus (Benth.) Radlk.

GENUS *Alectryon* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Beach bird's eye, Beach Alectryon, Soap Berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: seeds - aril

DESCRIPTION

A small to large shrub. It grows 2-6 m tall and spreads 2-5 m across. The small branches are often hairy. The leaves are oval and leathery. The new leaves are shiny and coppery bronze. They are 4-15 cm long and 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are small. They are in groups 5-20 cm long. The fruit is a 3 lobed capsule 5-7 mm long by 5-12 mm wide. The red and green seeds are edible.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical, subtropical and warm temperate locations. It suits moist well drained soils and can grow on dry soils. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It is sensitive to drought and frost. Adelaide Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed or from cuttings.

NOTES

There are 15-34 Electryon species.

PICTURES



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