PLANT FACT SHEET

Viburnum lantana L.

GENUS *Viburnum* **FAMILY** Viburnaceae

COMMON NAMES Wayfaring tree, Lantana, Wayfaring Viburnum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

CAUTION:
The fruit are astringent. They are eaten very ripe and raw and also pressed for juice.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or very small tree. It grows to 6 m high. The twigs are yellowish grey and mealy. They are very flexible. The leaves are opposite. The leaves are 5-12 cm long. They are oval and have white, silky, branched hairs underneath. The edges of the leaf have teeth. The flowers are white. They are all the same size. The fruit are red but turn black as they ripen. They occur in flat topped clusters.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is hardy. It grows on chalk and limestone soils. It suits hardiness zones 3-6. At Anvers Chocolate factory. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or by suckers. Cuttings can also be used.

NOTES

There are about 150 Viburnum species. Also put in the family Caprifoliaceae.

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