PLANT FACT SHEET

Calyptranthes syzygium (L.) Sw.

GENUS *Calyptranthes* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Myrtle-of-the-river

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 10 m high. The bark has rough furrows. The leaves are oval and 5-8 cm long. They are glossy and have an aroma. The leaf stalk is short. It has white stamens arranged in a ring. The flowers have a scent. The flower panicles are branched in clusters of 3. The fruit is a red berry. It becomes blue-black and waxy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It does well in seasonally moist and dry climates. It needs an average, well-drained soil. It can grow in full sun or part shade. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

NOTES

There are about 200 Calyptranthes species. They are trees and shrubs in tropical America.

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