PLANT FACT SHEET

Acrotriche depressa R. Br.

GENUS *Acrotriche* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Wiry Ground-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Berries, Fruit, Flowers - nectar

The fruit are eaten. They can be used to make jams or jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A much branched small shrub. It grows 0.2-0.5 m high and spreads 0.5-1 m across. The small branches are hairy. The leaves are 0.5 cm long and flat. They are broadest near the base. They taper to a long fine point. They are olive green. The veins are easy to see under the leaf. The flowers are like tubes. They are 0.3 cm long. The flowers occur in spikes 2-3 cm long. They are mostly on older wood. They are greenish. The fruit is round and 1 cm long. It is succulent and pink to dark purple.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It occurs naturally in sandy soils but will grow on light to medium soils if they are well drained. It will grow in part shade or full sun. It will tolerate light frosts.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown by cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The fruit are ripe September to October.

NOTES

There are 14 Acrotriche species. They are in Australia.

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