PLANT FACT SHEET

Brachyloma daphnoides (Smith) Benth.

GENUS *Brachyloma* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Daphne Heath

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be used to make jam or jelly.

DESCRIPTION

An upright grey-green shrub. It grows to 1.5 m high and spread 1.5 m wide. The leaves are almost without stalks and are oval. They are flat or slightly curved and grey-green. The leaves are 1.5 cm long. The flowers have a strong sweet smell. They are white and like tubes with 5 spreading star shaped lobes. They appear in small clusters near the ends of branches. The flowers are 0.5 cm long. The fruit are small, rounded and fleshy.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in heath and open forests. It can grow in poor soils. It needs good drainage. It is mostly in coastal areas. It is resistant to drought and frost. It suits hardiness zones 9-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from cuttings. It can also be grown from seed and by layering.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants are slow growing.

NOTES

There are 7 Brachyloma species. They grow in Australia.
Possibly not in Tasmania according to 2017 Tasmanian plant census.

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