PLANT FACT SHEET

Phillyrea latifolia L.

GENUS *Phillyrea* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES Mockpriveterinary, Jasmine box, Phillyrea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit has a tart, grape-like taste.

DESCRIPTION

A rounded tree. It can be 9-10 m high. It spreads 8 m wide. It keeps its leaves throughout the year. The bark is smooth and lightly ridged. The leaves are oval to sword shaped and 5 cm long by 4 cm wide. The leaves are dark green and glossy on top. They have shallow teeth. Flowers grow in clusters in the axils of the upper leaves. The flowers are small and greenish white. The fruit are small and round. They are 1 cm across. They turn purple, then black. Each fruit contains a single seed.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It is native to S. Europe. It will grow on most soils. It can tolerate salt winds. Kyneton Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

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