PLANT FACT SHEET

Melicytus ramiflorus J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.

GENUS *Melicytus* **FAMILY** Violaceae

COMMON NAMES Whitey wood, Mahoe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A slender shrub or small tree. It grows 5-10 m tall. It is often spreading. The bark is greyish-white. The leaves are papery. The leaf stalk is 10-15 mm long. The leaves are oval and pointed. They are bright green with a serrated edge. The male and female flowers are borne on separate trees. The fruit is a round berry. It is 3-4 mm across. It is mauve when ripe. They occur in clusters on female trees.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It is common throughout New Zealand. Some subspecies occur in Norfolk island, Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga, and Samoa. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Arboretum Tasmania. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

NOTES

There are 5-14 Melicytus species. They grow in the Pacific.

PICTURES



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