PLANT FACT SHEET

Acronychia oblongifolia (A. Cunn. ex Hook.) Endl. ex Heynh.

GENUS *Acronychia* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Southern lemon aspen

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit can be eaten raw. They are acidic. They can also be used for jams, preserves, syrups, sauces, and salad dressing.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows to 10-25 m high and spreads 2-7 m across. The stem is erect and branching. The leaves are oblong and wider at the end away from the stem. They are 3-12 cm long by 1-5 cm wide. The leaves are dark green, shiny and leathery. The flowers are small and white. The are about 1 cm across and only a few flowers occur in a branched flower stalk. The fruit is white, yellow or blue and fleshy. It is edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate and subtropical plant. It occurs naturally in New South Wales and Queensland in Australia. It prefers rich moist soil and a protected position. It is damaged by drought and frost. Once the tree is grown it can stand some frost. It does better in shade.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown by seed or cuttings. It benefits by watering in the dry season. It responds to fertiliser.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowering occurs in December to July and fruit are ripe July to October.

NOTES

There are 42-50 Acronychia species. It has flavenoides with anticancer properties.

PICTURES



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