PLANT FACT SHEET

Aloysia virgata (Ruiz & Pav.) Pers.

GENUS *Aloysia* **FAMILY** Verbenaceae

COMMON NAMES Twiggy aloysia, Sweet almond bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - drink

DESCRIPTION

A large shrub or small tree. It grows 1.5-4.5 m tall and spreads 1.-2.4 m wide. The leaves are opposite each other along the stem. The flowers are in spikes at the ends of the branches. These are 20 cm long. They have a sweet scent.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or by stem cuttings or air-layering.

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