PLANT FACT SHEET

Correa alba Andrews

GENUS *Correa* **FAMILY** Rutaceae

COMMON NAMES Cape Barren tea, Coast correa, Native fuschia, White Correa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

The leaves are used for a tea drink. The leaves are used fresh or dried.

DESCRIPTION

An erect or spreading shrub. It grows 1.5 m high. It can spread 1-2.2 m wide. It has rusty-brown hairy small branches. The leaves are round or oval and hairy underneath. They are 3.5 cm long by 3 cm wide. The leaves are grey-green. The leaves occur in opposite pairs. It has white flowers and a short tube. There are 4 spreading petals. The flowers are about 1.5-2 cm across. Each flower produces about 4 seeds.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate and subtropical places. It grows on the coast. It is often on headlands and sandy places. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in dry soils and in full sun of light shade. It can stand light frosts. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

They can be grown from cuttings. Pruning the tips produces densely leafy bushes. It can be used as a hedge plant.

NOTES

There are 11 Correa species. They occur naturally in Australia.

PICTURES



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