PLANT FACT SHEET

Berberis pinnata Lagasca

GENUS *Berberis* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES California barberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub with a stiff upright habit. It grows 2.4 m tall and forms suckers. The leaves are a flat mid green and have fine teeth along the edge. The leaves are made up of 5 to 9 leaflets with 13 spines on each side. The leaves become red in winter with purple underneath. The flowers are soft yellow. The fruit are bluish-black berries.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Adelaide Botanical Gardens. Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens.

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