PLANT FACT SHEET

Macleania cordifolia Bentham

GENUS *Macleania* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It often grows from a woody tuber. The leaves are oval and 4-10 cm long by 2-5 cm wide. The base is heart shaped. The fruit are 12 mm across. They are purple-blue and let the light through.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the Andes between 1,800-3,356 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

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