PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia purpurea Reinw. ex Blume

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple ardisia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers, Fruit

The flowers and fruit are cooked as a flavouring with fish.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows to a height of 10 m tall. The trunk can be 15 cm across. The leaves are alternate and rather slender. They are pointed at both ends. The flowers are about 1 cm long. They grow on branched stalks at the ends of branches. The flowers are white or pink. They have a sweet scent. The flower stalks are about 3 cm long. The fruit are dark blue or purple. They are round and about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs from Luzon to Mindanao in the Philippines. It grows in undisturbed mixed dipterocarp forests up to 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Ardisia species. They are mainly in the tropics. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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