PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium pycnanthum Merrill and L. M. Perry

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild Rose Apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Flowers

The flowers are eaten as a relish.
The ripe fruit can be eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows to 4-16 m tall and spreads to 2 m across. The stem is erect and branching. It is 20 cm across. The leaves are glossy green. They are oval. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. The flowers are pink. They occur in clusters. The fruit are round dark red berries when ripe. Young fruit are green. They are about 3 cm across. They have one or two seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It prefers rich, moist, well drained soil. It needs an open sunny position. It is damaged by drought and frost. It grows from 50 m to 1,600 m above sea level. It grows in forest. It grows in mountain forest above 1,500 m above sea level. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

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

PICTURES



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