PLANT FACT SHEET

Bunchosia argentea (Jacq.) DC.

GENUS *Bunchosia* **FAMILY** Malpighiaceae

COMMON NAMES Peanut butter fruit, Silvery bunchosia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or used in drinks.
The flavour of the fruit resembles a dried fig.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree or shrub. It grows to 10 m tall. It forms a dense cone shaped crown. The leaves are in pairs and have wavy edges. They are simple and rich green. They are 10 cm long. They taper to the base. The flowers are yellow and showy. They are in long racemes. The petals have wavy edges. The fruit is oval and fleshy. The fruit are small and orange with a sticky pulp. They are 2.5 cm across. They are edible. They are cream coloured and have the consistency and texture of peanut butter.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to C. and S. America. It needs a tropical climate. In Cairns Botanical Gardens. In Townsville Anderson BG. At ECHO.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. They can also be grown by grafting.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers are fruits most of the year. Fruit spoil quickly so must be picked regularly and stored in a refrigerator. It can produce fruit 2-3 years after planting.

NOTES

There are 68 Bunchosia species.
High in Caretonoids and available.

PICTURES



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