PLANT FACT SHEET

Cordia laevigata Lam.

GENUS *Cordia* **FAMILY** Boraginaceae

COMMON NAMES West Indian Cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 10-20 m high. The leaves are broadly oval and 10 cm long. They are glossy dark green. The flowers are small and white. There are many flowers in a cluster. The fruit is small and red. It is 0.8 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It needs an average, well drained soil. It needs full sun. It suits plant hardiness zones 10-12.

NOTES

There are about 300 Cordia species.

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