PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia crenata Sims

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Coral berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Vegetable

The leaves and fruit are cooked as a vegetable. They are also eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 1 m high and spreads 1 m wide. The stems are erect and branching. The leaves are shiny green. They have wavy edges. The leaves are arranged in rings around the stem. The flowers are white or pink. They have a scent. The fruit are bright red berries.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It is best in a rich, moist well-drained soil. It needs a partly shaded position. It is damaged by frost and drought. In China it grows between 100-2,400 m above sea level. Tropical Fruit World. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens. In XTBG Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed or cuttings.

NOTES

It is used in medicine. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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