PLANT FACT SHEET

Gaultheria caespitosa Poepp. & Endl.

GENUS *Gaultheria* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Murtillo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A herb or very small shrub. It grows 3 cm high. The leaves are 2-3 mm long by 2 mm wide. The flowers are white and have 4 petals. The fruit are white.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Chile it grow above 2,000 m and up to 2,700 m above sea level. It grows in or near water. It is in humid areas with constant rain. It grows with some shade. It grows in hardiness zone 7. It can tolerate frost and snow.

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