PLANT FACT SHEET

Myrica californica Cham.

GENUS *Myrica* **FAMILY** Myricaceae

COMMON NAMES Californian bayberry, California Wax Myrtle, Pacific Bayberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows up to 8 m high. The trunk can be 30 cm across. It is evergreen. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are narrow and 5-10 cm long. They are bright green on the upper surface and have glands underneath. There are coarse teeth along the edge near the base. The leaves have a smell when bruised. The male and female flowers are in separate clusters on the same plant. The fruit are round. They are 4-6 mm across. The fruit is dark purple.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Melbourne Botanical gardens.

NOTES

There are about 35-50 Myrica species. There are about 12 in tropical America. Many Myrica have now been moved to Morella, leaving only 2 Myrica.

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