PLANT FACT SHEET

Psydrax odorata (G. Forst.) A. C. Sm. & S. P. Darwin

GENUS *Psydrax* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Shiny-leaved Canthium, Inland native coffee, Sweet Susie

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-10 m tall. The leaves are opposite and sword shaped. They taper to the base. They are smooth and leathery. They are dark green above and paler underneath. They are 8-10 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are white. They have 5-6 star-like petals. They are about 0.7-1 cm across. They are borne in clusters in the axils of leaves. The fruit is round and black. It normally has 2 lobes. It is about 0.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in open forest and rainforest. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 875 m altitude. They need light shade and plenty of water.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 200 Canthium species.

PICTURES



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