PLANT FACT SHEET

Aidia racemosa (Cav.) D.D. Tirvengadum

GENUS *Aidia* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Archer cherry, Wild randia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten when ripe. They fall to the ground when ripe and are collected off the ground.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows up to 15 m tall. The bark is light grey. The leafy twigs are smooth. The leaves are oval and 9-17 cm long by 3-5.5 cm wide. They are thin and leathery. They have 5-8 pairs of secondary veins. The base of the leaf is rounded and the tip is pointed. The leaf stalk is 1-2 cm long. The flower stalk is branched and has up to 50 flowers. The flowers are white. They have a jasmine scent. The fruit is a berry which is red when ripe. It is 5-15 mm long by 4-10 mm across. Fruit are in clusters in the axils of leaves. There are several tiny seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in coastal swamps and dry monsoon forest. It also occurs in lowland and upland rainforest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from fresh seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing. In Australia flowers are December to February and fruit from April to July.

NOTES

There are 25-50 Aidia species.

PICTURES



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