PLANT FACT SHEET

Cavendishia bracteata (Ruiz & Pav. ex J. St.-Hil.) Hoerold

GENUS *Cavendishia* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Bracteate cavendishia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw and used in jams.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It may grow in the soil or can grow attached to other plants. It grows 3 m tall. It can be a climber. The leaf blades are 12 cm long. They narrow to the tip. There are usually 5-7 major veins from the base. The young leaves are coppery purple. They become green and leathery. There are about 20 flowers in a cluster. They are tube shaped. They have a pink bract about 3.5 cm long around them. The fruit is a berry about 1 cm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Costa Rica it grows between about 800-3,000 m altitude. In Hobart Botanical gardens (As Cavendishia acuminata)

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowers form at any time of the year.

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