PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Lithraea molleoides (Vell.) Engl.

GENUS *Lithraea* **FAMILY** Anacardiaceae

COMMON NAMES Aroeira branca

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for drinks.
Caution: The leaves release a poisonous substance. These can cause allergies.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 3-8 m tall. The trunk can be 30-40 cm across. The leaves are compound with leaflets along the stalk and one at the end. There are 3-5 leaflets or occasionally another smaller pair. The flowers are small and white and group in clusters 5-7 cm long. The fruit are small and brown and the size of a pea. Contact with the plant can cause irritations for some people.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and they germinate quickly. Seeds rem

Harvesting and Seed Production

Young plants grow quickly.

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