PLANT FACT SHEET

Canthium coromandelicum (Burm.f.) Alston

GENUS *Canthium* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild jessamine, Carray cheddie

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.
The young leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 5 m tall. It has thorns. The small branches are 4 angled. The bark is grey. The spines are 1-3 cm long. The leaves are opposite and the bases overlap. The leaves are oval and 2-4 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. The flowers are greenish. The fruit are 1-1.5 cm across. They are a flattened round shape and yellow or orange when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry forests. It grows up to 750 or 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are used as a hedge.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In southern India it flowers and fruits between April to June.

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