PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium buettnerianum (K. Schum.) Nied.

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Native pink satinash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten and can also be used for jams and jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 12-30 m tall. The trunk is 45-100 cm across. The leaves are opposite and simple. They are 6 cm long by 3 cm wide. The leaves are medium green above and lighter green underneath. The flowers are in open groups near the end of the branches. The flowers are dark red. The fruit are blue. They are 2.5 cm long by 1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In PNG it has been recorded in Morobe Province and Bougainville. It grows from sea level to 610 m above sea level.

NOTES

The edibility is not well established.

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