PLANT FACT SHEET

Antidesma parvifolium F. Muell.

GENUS *Antidesma* **FAMILY** Phyllanthaceae

COMMON NAMES Currant Bush, Hill black currant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

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

DESCRIPTION

A spreading shrub or small tree. It grows 1.5-3 m high and spreads 1-2 m wide. Young shoots are slightly hairy. The leaves are 1.5-2.5 cm long by 0.5 cm wide. They are oval and blunt. It has a dense foliage. It loses its leaves during winter. Male and female flowers occur on separate plants. The male spike is 1-2.5 cm long and in the axils of leaves. The female stalk is 0.5-1.5 cm long. The fruit are 0.4 cm long and red.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in coastal scrubs. In north Queensland it grows from sea level to 900 m altitude. It also occurs on sandstone escarpments. It needs good drainage and regular watering. It occurs in southern Papua New Guinea.

PRODUCTION

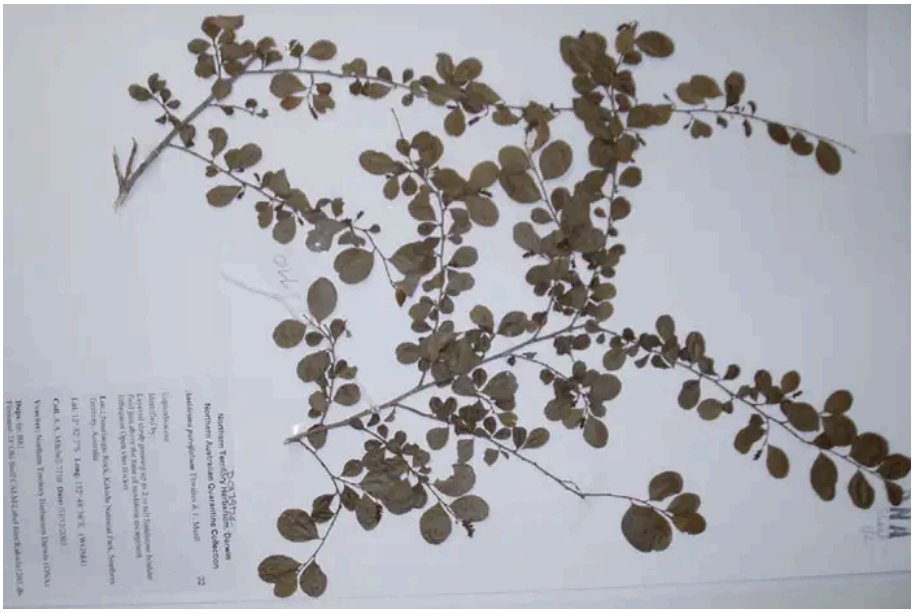
Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

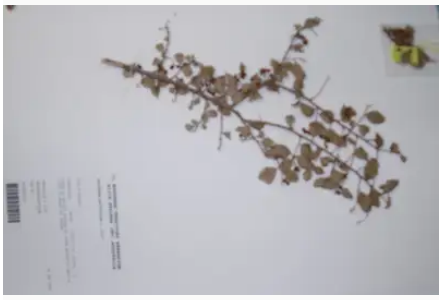
NOTES

There are about 100-170 Antidesma species.

PICTURES



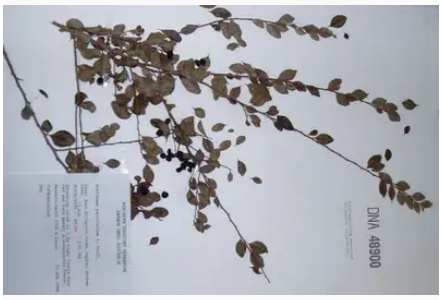
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