PLANT FACT SHEET

Miconia australis (Cham.) R.Goldenb.

GENUS *Miconia* **FAMILY** Melastomataceae

COMMON NAMES Pixirica

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for jams, juices and ice-creams.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It can grow to 3 m tall. The leaf stalks are 1-2 cm long. The leaves are 7-11 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The flower panicles are 11-17 cm long by 5-9 cm wide. The fruit are 5-6 mm long by 4-5 mm wide. There are 150-300 seeds. They are dark purple.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It suits the wet tropics.

NOTES

Fruit are rich in anthocyanins.

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