



PLANT FACT SHEET

Pimenta racemosa (Mill.) J. W. Moore

GENUS *Pimenta* FAMILY Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Bay tree, Bay Rum Tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - oil, Berries, Fruit, Spice

The oil is distilled from the leaves and used to flavour food. It is used for soups, meats and condiments. The bark and fruit are used as condiments.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 13 m tall. The bark is brownish. The leaves are leathery and oblong. They are 8-10 cm long and 1-6 cm wide. There are 10-20 pairs of secondary veins. The flowers are small and white. They occur as 15-100 in a group. The tree has an aroma. The fruit are round and 5-15 mm wide. There are 1-4 seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to tropical America. It does well in seasonally moist and dry climates. It needs an average, well-drained soil. It needs full sun. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and by budding.

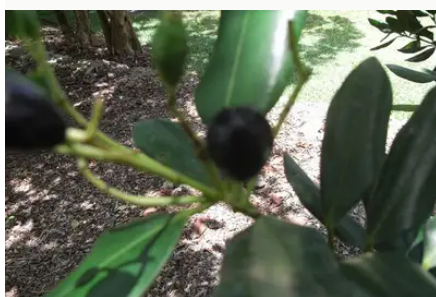
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