PLANT FACT SHEET

Myoporum insulare R. Br.

GENUS *Myoporum* **FAMILY** Scrophulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Southern Boobialla, Blueberry, Common Boobialla, Native Juniper, Native mangrove, Water Bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The salty fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub or small rounded tree. It grows 3-4 m high. It spreads 3-6 m wide. The stems are warty. The leaves are fleshy and sword shaped. They are 3-10 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are broadest near the tip. There can also be small teeth near the tip. The leaves have oil gland as dots over them. The flowers are bell-shaped and white. They are 1 cm across and have purple spots. There are 5 spreading lobes. Flowers occur as 3-8 together in the axils of leaves. They are on stalks 1 cm long. The fruit are succulent and round. They are 1 cm long and greenish-purple when ripe.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It can grow in semi-arid places. It grows near the coast, usually on sand. It can stand light frosts. In Wittunga Botanical Gardens Adelaide. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

Also put in the family Myoporaceae.

PICTURES



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