PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium caryophyllatum (Linn.) Alston

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES South Indian plum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Buds

The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. The bark is grey. The leaves are simple and opposite. The leaf blade is 5-10 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The flowers are white in groups at the ends of branches. The fruit is a black round berry. It is 5 mm across. There is one seed.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along the edges of evergreen forests up to 700 m above sea level. It grows in open sandy places.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In India flowering and fruiting is January to February.

NOTES

It is a plant at risk.

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