PLANT FACT SHEET

Rhaphithamnus spinosus (Juss.) Moldenke

GENUS *Rhaphithamnus* **FAMILY** Verbenaceae

COMMON NAMES Arrayan macho, Espino blanco, Huayun

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 7 m high. It has spines up to 4 cm long. The leaves are 1-2 cm long by 0.6-1.2 cm wide. The flowers are blue. The fruit are pale purple. They are 5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Chile it grows between 500-2,000 m above sea level. It grows in humid areas with constant rain. It can grow in shade. In Argentina it grows below 1,000 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zone 8. It can tolerate some frost and snow.

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