PLANT FACT SHEET

Juniperus horizontalis Moench

GENUS *Juniperus* **FAMILY** Cupressaceae

COMMON NAMES Creeping juniper, Blue carpet

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - coffee, Leaves - tea

The fruit are roasted and used as a coffee substitute. They are also used for flavouring.
The young leaves and tips are used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A low lying shrub. The shoots are long and trailing. The leaves are like scales. They are opposite each other and each pair is at right angles to the next. They are triangle shaped and overlap. They are 1-2 mm long. The pollen cone is brown. It is 2 mm long. The fruit are oval and 6 mm long. There are 1-4 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in exposed places and on rocks or sand.

PICTURES



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