PLANT FACT SHEET

Eremophila latrobei F. Muell.

GENUS *Eremophila* **FAMILY** Scrophulariaceae

COMMON NAMES Crimson Turkey Bush, Crimson emubush, Warty fuchsia bush

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar, Leaves, Drink

The nectar is sucked from the flowers.

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium shrub. It can grow 1-3 m high and spreads 0.5-2 m wide. The leaves are 1-8 cm long by 0.6 cm wide. They are alternate. The leaves can be broad or narrow and green to silver. The flowers are cream, deep pink or red and like tubes. They are 3.5 cm long. The fruit is oval and 1 cm long. It is glossy and has a beak.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate and arid to semiarid regions. It needs well drained soil. It suits dry soils and can grow in full sun or light shade. It can stand light frosts. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings. The tips can be pruned regularly.

NOTES

There are about 180 Eremophila species. They occur in Australia. Also put in the family Myoporaceae.

PICTURES



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