PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycium pallidum Miers

GENUS *Lycium* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Pale wolfberry, Pale desert-thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh or raw. They can be cooked or dried for future use.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows 1.8 m high. It has many spreading thorns. The branches are often long and twisted. The leaves are oblong and thick and fleshy. The flowers are tube shaped and are yellow-green with a purple tinge. They flowers occur either single or in pairs. The corolla tube is 3 times as long as the petals around it. The fruit are bright red berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate sea spray once established. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is difficult to grow plants from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 100 Lycium species.

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