PLANT FACT SHEET

Lycianthes pilifera (Benth.) Bitter

GENUS *Lycianthes* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Mexican apple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A plant that produces annual stems from an underground rootstock. The leaves are narrowly oval and taper to both ends. The flowers are broadly trumpet shaped and white with a small purple centre.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in shaded valleys. It is best in a sunny position. Plants are damaged by frost. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Seedlings can be transplanted.

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