PLANT FACT SHEET

Coprosma quadrifida (Labill.) Robinson

GENUS *Coprosma* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Prickly Currant Bush, Native currant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

The fruit can be used in puddings, pies, cakes and tarts. They are astringent and slightly sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A prickly shrub about 2 m high. It often has many stems. It grows 2-4 m high and spreads 1-2 m wide. The branches are spiny. The leaves are 0.5-1.2 cm long by 0.3-0.5 cm wide. They are sword shaped and thin textured. The male and female flowers are on separate plants. The flowers are 0.4 cm long. The occur singly on the ends of short branches. They are green. The fruit is fleshy with a hard stone inside. It is 0.5-0.8 cm long and bright red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It occurs in cool, moist forests and gullies. In Tasmania it grows from sea level to 500 m altitude. It is drought and frost resistant. On Mt Roland. It suits hardiness zones 8-10. Melbourne Botanical Gardens. Tasmania Herbarium. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or stem cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 90 Coprosma species.

PICTURES



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