PLANT FACT SHEET

Decaspermum parviflorum (Lam.) A. J. Scott

GENUS *Decaspermum* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Silky Myrtle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Seeds

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree or shrub. The small branches are very numerous. The leaves are pink in new growth and have a fine covering of silky hairs. They are shiny and become soft green. The leaves are opposite with a blunt point at the base and smooth when old. The flower arrangement is at the ends of branches or from upper leaf axils. The petals are white or pink. The fruit are flat and round and turn red when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are abundant in the Philippines in areas of shrub near the seacoast and to an altitude of 2000 m throughout the islands. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from fresh seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 30 Decaspermum species.

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