PLANT FACT SHEET

Myrcia neomontana E. Lucas & C.E.Wilson

GENUS *Myrcia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain marlierea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Fruit - drink

The fruit are eaten.
The fruit are also used to make an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It can be 8-17 m tall. The branches are a rusty brown. The leaves are opposite. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves and near the ends of branches. The fruit is a berry. It is 1 cm long by 1 cm wide. The fruit are red to purple. The pulp of the fruit is edible. There are 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on sandy and rocky islands, often near rapids along creeks and on savanna forest. It suits the wet tropics.

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