PLANT FACT SHEET

Ardisia humilis Vahl.

GENUS *Ardisia* **FAMILY** Primulaceae

COMMON NAMES Ardisia, Low shoe-button berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows to 3 m high. The branches are 5-7 mm across. The leaf stalk has a canal and is 6-10 mm long. The leaves are sword shape but fattest in the middle. They are 15-18 cm long by 5-7 cm wide. They are leathery. There are about 12 side veins on each side of the midrib. The flower arrangement is like a pyramid at the top of the plant. This is 8-17 cm high. The flowers are leathery. They are pink or purplish red and 5-6 mm across. The fruit are red or purplish black and round. They are 6 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mixed forest and open fields between sea level and 1100 m altitude in S China. It needs rich moist soils It is best in a shaded position. It is damaged by frost or drought. Adelaide Botanical Gardens. Melbourne Botanical gardens hothouse.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Ardisia species. They are mainly in the tropics. Also put in the family Myrsinaceae.

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