PLANT FACT SHEET

Polyscias pinnata J. R. Forst. & G. Forst.

GENUS *Polyscias* **FAMILY** Araliaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 2-3 m tall and spreads up to 1 m wide. The leaves are alternate and they have 3 leaflets. There are teeth along the edge. The leaf blade is 10-20 cm long. The flowers are white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can tolerate salt spray. It is best in a moist well-drained soil. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed, cuttings or air-layering. It can be planted as a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 100 Polyscias species.

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