PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Buddleja madagascariensis* Lam.

**GENUS** *Buddleja* **FAMILY** Scrophulariaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Smokebush

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves - drink

The leaves and twigs are used for making a local rum.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can be climbing. It grows 4 m tall. The leaves are opposite and narrowly oval. They are 12 cm long on leaf stalks 20 cm long. The flowers are in long slender groups up to 25 cm long. They have a scent. They can be yellow, orange or pink.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical and Mediterranean plant. In Madagascar it grows on mountain slopes between 600-2,000 m above sea level. It is damaged by frost. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens.

## NOTES

It can be invasive in some locations. Also put in the family Buddlejaceae.

## PICTURES



Credit: Food Plants International (Bruce French)

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