PLANT FACT SHEET

Eugenia myrcianthes Nied.

GENUS *Eugenia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

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EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten fresh. They are also used for jams, jellies and juices.
They are also used to make vinegar.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 4-6 m high. The crown is flat with spreading branches. The trunk is short and 20-30 cm across. The leaves are thin and simple. They are hairy over the veins. The leaves are 3-5 cm long and 2.3 cm wide. The flowers are in groups in the axils of leaves. The flowers are white. The fruit is orange-yellow. The fruit are 5 cm across. The pulp is juicy and acid.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. In Brazil it grows in open formations along the coast. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The ripe fruit are harvested and the seeds removed under running water. They are dried in the shade. Fresh seed are planted and germinate in 30-50 days.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants have a moderate growth rate.

PICTURES



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