PLANT FACT SHEET

Eugenia ligustrina (Sw.) Willd.

GENUS *Eugenia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Birchberry, Privet stopper

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is eaten raw. They can be used for jam.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2.5 - 4 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 3 cm long by 2 cm wide. They are shiny green above. The leaves are smaller and scale like at the base of the twigs. The flowers occur singly on slender stalks. They are 2 cm across with 4 petals. The fruit are small round berries about 6 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Puerto Rico it grows up to 200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be used to make a hedge.

NOTES

There are about 550 Eugenia species. They are mostly in tropical and subtropical South America.

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