PLANT FACT SHEET

Bunchosia armeniaca (Cavanilles) DC.

GENUS *Bunchosia* **FAMILY** Malpighiaceae

COMMON NAMES Bunchosia, Green plum, Peanut-butter plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit has a sticky sweet pulp. It has a taste a little like peanut-butter. The fruit are eaten fresh or used in preserves. They are chewy.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or tree. It grows 4-10 m high. The leaves are thick and not very wavy. They are 22.5 cm long by 10 cm wide. The flowers are in compact erect racemes. The petals have fringed edges. The fruit are broadly oval. They are 2.5 cm across and dark red. The thin skin is covered with white down. The fruit pulp is dark red and sweet. There are 2 large seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It is native to South America. It grows naturally in Andes countries between 1500-2400 m altitude. It grows in lowland humid and dry forests. It can tolerate flooding for brief periods. It suits hardiness zones 9-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Plants produce fruit 2 years after planting. There are several crops of fruit per year.

NOTES

There are 68 Bunchosia species.

PICTURES



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