PLANT FACT SHEET

Myrcia chytraculia var. pauciflora (O.Berg) G.P.Burton & E. Lucas

GENUS *Myrcia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Pale lidflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - spice

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows about 6 m tall. The trunk is about 15 cm across. The bark is grey and smooth but can become scaly. The twigs are slightly flattened and 2-angled and have rusty brown hairs. The leaves are in pairs and are narrowly oval and up to 8 cm long by 3 cm wide. They taper to a point at both ends. The flowers are small and white. They are in clusters near the ends of the twigs. The fruit are round, dark purple berries. They are 1 cm across. They are juicy.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist coastal forests up to 800 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 200 Calyptranthes species. They are trees and shrubs in tropical America.

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