PLANT FACT SHEET

Coprosma acerosa A. Cunn.

GENUS *Coprosma* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Sand coprosma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds - coffee

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. The branches are inter-tangled. The plant forms springy mounds 1 m high. They spread to 90 cm wide. The leaves are small and dark green. They are like needles. Male and female flowers are carried on separate plants. The fruit on the female trees are smoky blue berries.

HABITAT

It grows near the coast. It is very hardy to frost. It is best in light to medium, well-drained, moist soils. It needs an open sunny position. It is damaged by drought. It suits hardiness zones 8-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is easily grown by cuttings. They can also be grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 90 Coprosma species. About 50 species are native to New Zealand.

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