PLANT FACT SHEET

Chrysanthemoides monilifera (L.) T. Norlindh

GENUS *Chrysanthemoides* **FAMILY** Asteraceae

COMMON NAMES Boneseed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are sweet and palatable. They can be used for jam and also dried.

DESCRIPTION

A low shrub or small tree. It grows 1-6 m high. The bark is mottled grey and smooth. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are oval and 1.5-7.5 cm long by 0.5-4 cm wide. They are leathery and greyish-green. The young leaves are covered with cobweb-like hairs. The mature leaves are glossy. The edges are toothed. The flowers are in daisy-like heads. These are bright yellow and 4 cm across. They can be single or in small groups in the axils of leaves or near the ends of branches. Flowers can be both sexes or female only. The fruit are round and fleshy. They are 6 mm across. They are purple when mature. They are arranged around the edge of the receptacle. Several subspecies occur. The fleshy fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It grows in warm temperate and subtropical locations. It grows in a range of locations. It can grow on coastal dunes and on the edges of evergreen forest. It can grow in dry sandy soils. It grows in warm temperate places. It can grow between 90-2,250 m above sea level. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall between 150-200 mm. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is a fast growing plant.

NOTES

There are 2 Chrysanthemoides species. It is often regarded as a problem plant because it crowds out other plants. It is now a prohibited import into Australia. It can become invasive.

PICTURES



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