PLANT FACT SHEET

Guettarda speciosa L.

GENUS *Guettarda* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Beach gardenia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 6 m tall. It spreads 1-3 m wide. The bark is smooth and creamy grey. The leaves are large and green and have prominent veins. The leaves are 15-23 cm long by 10-18 cm wide. There are fine hairs under the leaves. The flowers are white and have a scent. They open at night for one night.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows near the shore. It grows in sand above the high tide mark. It needs a sunny position and well drained soil. It grows on coral islands.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds. Seeds take one month to germinate.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Trees flower in October to May.

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