PLANT FACT SHEET

Cayratia clematidea (F. Muell.) Domin

GENUS *Cayratia* **FAMILY** Vitaceae

COMMON NAMES Native grape, Slender grape

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Fruit, Root

The berries are eaten. They can irritate the throat if too many are eaten.
The root tubers are eaten after roasting.

DESCRIPTION

A slender climber. It grows 3-5 m tall. The roots have tubers 2-3 cm across. The leaves are compound with 5 leaflets. They are oval and light green. They are about 5 cm long. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers are greenish and small. They occur in dense clusters. The fruit are black berries. They are round and 0.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in Queensland and New South Wales in Australia, in moist sheltered places. It grows best with shade and moisture.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from fresh seed or cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is a fast growing plant.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cayratia species. They are mainly in tropical areas.

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