PLANT FACT SHEET

Austromyrtus tenuifolia (Sm.) Burret

GENUS *Austromyrtus* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Narrow leafed myrtle, Narrow-leafed midgenberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A small to medium shrub. It grows 1-3 m high and spreads 1-2 m wide. The young shoots have silky hairs. The leaves are thin and narrow. They are 2-4 cm long by 0.4 cm wide. The edges curve backwards. The leaves are hairy underneath. The flowers are white. They are 0.7 cm across. They occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit stalk is 0.7 cm long. The fruit is a berry about 1 cm across. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It can grow in tropical, subtropical and temperate climates. It does best with some shade. It needs moist well drained soils. It can stand light frost. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 14 Austromyrtus species. They occur in Australia.

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