PLANT FACT SHEET

Syzygium antisepticum (Blume) Merr. & L. M. Perry

GENUS *Syzygium* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The young leaves are eaten raw. They are sour.
The ripe fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 7 m high but can be 34 m tall. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are narrowly oval. They are 7-13 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. Young leaves can be pale red. The flowers are small and white. The fruit are oval and 6 mm long by 5 mm wide. They are white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows near the coast and up to 1,800 m above sea level. It grows in forest and along river banks just behind the sand dunes.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seeds or by suckers or stem cuttings.

Harvesting and Seed Production

In NE Thailand ripe fruit are available April to May.

PICTURES



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