PLANT FACT SHEET

Osbornia octodonta F. Muell

GENUS *Osbornia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Myrtle mangrove

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The leaves are used as flavouring when cooking turtles.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub with many stems. It grows 2-4 m tall. The leaves are opposite and smooth. They become wider and rounded towards the tip and taper to the base. The blade is 2-5 cm long by 1-2.1 cm wide. The stalks are short. The flowers are pale green and without stalks. They are slightly like tubes and 0.7-1 cm long by 0.4 cm wide. About 1-3 flowers occur together in the axils of the upper leaves. The fruit are cone shaped and 0.7-1 cm long by 0.4-0.7 cm wide. They are in a velvety tube with lobes at the tip. These contain 1-2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. They grow in mangrove forests near the landward side. They can grow along tidal watercourses. On Magnetic Island.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There is only one Osbornia species.

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