PLANT FACT SHEET

Alectryon diversifolius (F. Muell.) Reynolds

GENUS *Alectryon* **FAMILY** Sapindaceae

COMMON NAMES Holly bush, Scrub boonaree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The red aril or fleshy layer of the fruit is edible.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. The leaves are simple and alternate. On the small branches they are often clustered. The leaves vary in shape. They are 2-6 cm long by about 1 cm wide. Young leaves have spiny teeth. The flowers can occur singly or in small clusters. The fruit is a capsule with 2 lobes. The seeds are black. They have a red aril or fleshy layer aorund them.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in dry rainforest and in vine thickets.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

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