



PLANT FACT SHEET

Lauridia tetragona (L. f.) Archer

GENUS *Lauridia* FAMILY Celastraceae

COMMON NAMES Bob-cherry, Climbing saffronwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. Eating too many dries the mouth.

DESCRIPTION

A climber or scrambling shrub. It can be 0.6-2.5 m high. The branches are grey and flexible. The twigs are usually 4 angled. The flower shoots tend to grow backwards. The leaves are simple and opposite. They are leathery and 1.3-8 cm long by 0.6-5 cm wide. The edges of the leaves are often wavy and rolled inward. They often have spiny teeth. The flowers are small and white. They occur in clusters. The fruit are green but turn red or black when ripe. They have a stone inside. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It occurs in dune bush. It is also in evergreen forest.

NOTES

There are 80 Cassine species. Most are in Africa. The Celastraceae are mostly in the tropics and subtropics.

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