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Berberis ruscifolia Lam.

GENUS *Berberis* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Calapate

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A woody shrub. It grows 2 m high. It has many branches. The leaves are long and rounded towards the end. There are 1-3 spines at the tip. The flowers are on groups with short stalks. The fruit are blue-black berries. They are acid and bitter.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Argentina it grows between sea level and 1,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 450-500 Berberis species.

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