PLANT FACT SHEET

Gossia dallachiana (F. Muell. ex Benth.) N. Snow & Guymer

GENUS *Gossia* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Lignum

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows up to 6 m high and spreads 2-4 m across. The leaves are 6-19 cm long and 5-12 cm wide. They are thin and sword shaped. The flowers occur in loose heads in the axils of leaves. The flowers are 0.5 cm across. They are white. The fruit are 14 mm across. They occur in bunches. They can be in the axils of leaves or at the ends of branches. There is one seed inside. The flesh is edible. The fruit are black when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It suits tropical and subtropical locations. It grows naturally in rainforest in Queensland in Australia. It grows from sea level to 1200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 14 Austromyrtus species. They occur in Australia.

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