



PLANT FACT SHEET

Nertera granadensis (Mutis. ex L.f.) Druce

GENUS *Nertera* FAMILY Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Matted beadplant, Bead plant, Matted Nertera

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A herb which forms mats. It keeps growing from year to year. It lies along the ground and spreads 10-30 cm wide. The stems are slender and much branched. They are about 10 cm long. They form roots at the nodes. The leaves are 0.3-0.5 cm long by 0.3-0.45 cm wide. They are oval or rounded. The stalks are 0.4 cm long. The flowers are 0.2 cm long and like tubes. They have spreading lobes. They are yellowish-green. They occur singly at the ends of branches. The fruit are small and yellow or orange-red.

HABITAT

It grows in subantarctic to tropical places. It grows in wet, sheltered sites. It grows on mossy rocks and cliff faces. It suits cool shaded spots. It can tolerate frosts. It needs constant moisture. In Argentina it grows between 500-3,500 m above sea level. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The plant can be grown by division. It can also be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 12 *Nertera* species.

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