PLANT FACT SHEET

Billardiera cymosa F. Muell.

GENUS *Billardiera* **FAMILY** Pittosporaceae

COMMON NAMES Sweet apple-berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh and roasted.
They are also used for making sauces for pork, veal and chicken.

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby slender climber. It grows 1-2 m tall. The young branches and leaves have fine silky hairs. The leaves are short and slender. The flowers are 2 cm across. They are borne in clusters at the ends of branches. The colour can vary from cream to red to blue. The fruit are oblong and hang down. They are reddish berries. They are 2 cm long.

HABITAT

Temperate. It can grow in subtropical and semiarid regions. It grows in inland New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. It suits drier areas. It needs well drained soils. It can grow in full sun. It can stand heavy frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 25 Billardiera species. They grow in Australia.

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