PLANT FACT SHEET

Styphelia malayana (Jack) Spreng.

GENUS *Styphelia* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can grow 5 m high. The young branches are slender and hairy. The leaves do not have leaf stalks. The leaves are 3-6 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are narrowly sword shaped. They taper to the base and have a stiff point at the tip. The flowering stalks are in the axils of leaves and have long dense hairs. There are up to 10 flowers. The fruit are round and red. They are 3-4 mm across. It has a stone with 5 cavities.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on woody grassland at 600-700 m altitude. It grows on nutrient poor and dry soils. It can grow between sea level and 2,750 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It flowers are fruits throughout the year.

NOTES

Also put in the family Epacridaceae.

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