



Common names

Coral berry, Bloodberry,

Scientific name

Rivina humilis

Edible portion Fruit, Caution,

Phytolaccaceae



Description

A herb or shrub. It grows 1-2 m high. The stems are erect and slender. They are often woody near the base. The leaves are alternate and taper to the tip. They are 4-12 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are bright green. They are sword shaped with a rounded shoulder at the base. The leaf stalk is about the same length as the leaf blade. The flowering cluster is near the ends of branches and is like a slender spike. The flowers are small and white. The fruit is round or pear shaped. They are 3-4 mm across. It is bright red. There is one seed inside. The seeds are black. The crushed leaves have a strong smell.

Distribution

A tropical plant. It usually grows on the edges of rainforests. It suits humid locations. It also grows in shaded places in warm climates. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 900 m altitude. In Africa it grows between 550-1,300 m above sea level.

Found in:

Africa, Anguilla, Argentina, Asia, Australia, Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, British Indian Ocean Terr., BIOT, Caribbean, Central America*, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, East Africa, Fiji, Guiana, Guianas, Guyana, Haiti, Hawaii, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mexico*, Mozambique, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, North America, Pacific, Pakistan, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, SE Asia, South America*, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, USA, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Virgin Islands, West Indies*, Zimbabwe,

Use

Caution: The fruit may be slightly toxic.

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Production



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Nutritional Values

Rivina humilis

Edible Part	/100 g edible portion	Moisture %	Energy KJ	Energy Kcal	Protein g	Provit A µg	Vit C mg	Iron mg	Zinc mg
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