



INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Tasmannia lanceolata
(Pepperberry)

Indigenous use

Indigenous people use peppercorns whole or crushed into a paste, and apply the pepper to toothaches or sore gums. There is traditional knowledge that the leaves and berries were used as flavourings for generations of Aboriginal people.

Description

Pepperberry is a bushy, medium to tall plant reaching up to 8m in its natural habitat. In the Spring, Pepperberry produces small yellow or creamy white flowers in Spring that turn into red pepper berries over the Autumn season if both male and female plants are present. These berries eventually turn black when they ripen. Both leaves and berries may be used fresh or dried and the flowers may be enjoyed fresh.



Habitat

Tasmannia lanceolata is an evergreen shrub that is native to the woodlands and cool temperate rainforests of Australia's south-eastern region.