



Psychotria loniceroides – family: RUBIACEAE

HAIRY PSYCHOTRIA

Rainforest shrub to about 3 metres
Yellowish-white flowers in clusters from February to April
Fruit a small lemon-yellow berry

Cultivation: Hardy; ample moisture to prevent leaf drop; suits semi-shaded position but tolerates full sun. Propagation from fresh seed. An excellent understory plant and would also suit the small garden.



Found in the rainforest districts in Eastern Australia and the Northern Territory. Its pale green leaves are hairy and soft. Small flowers are a yellowish-white, and appear in late summer. Fruits are green, turning lemon-yellow when ripe.



Plants will drop leaves in dry periods and look sparse and unattractive but soon recover.

Fruit is edible although unpleasant to taste. The fruit which ripens from March to August is attractive to birds, especially the Green Catbird.