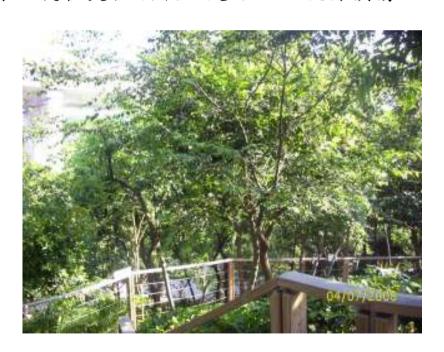


戶外通識教室:梅葉冬青有藥用價值

Nature's Classroom: Rough-leaved Holly is a medicinal herb



Rough-leaved Holly/Plum-leaved holly (*Ilex asprella*)

Native, deciduous shrub to small tree. Leaves are soft & delicate with serrulated margins. Silky threads can be found when the leave is pieced laterally into two. Numerous tiny white flowers & ripen dark purple berries which are attractive to local wildlife. White spots can be easily found on the brownish stems & auxiliary branches. The roots are used in local herbal medicine for fever, influenza & tonsillitis. It also cures physical injury & wounds externally.



