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Amomyrtus luma

[Synonyms : *Eugenia darwinii*, *Luma apiculata*, *Myrceugenia exsucca*, *Myrcia lechleriana*, *Myrica lechleriana*, *Myrtus apiculata*, *Myrtus darwinii*, *Myrtus lechleriana*, *Myrtus luma*, *Myrtus multiflora*, *Myrtus valdiviana*, *Pseudocaryophyllus darwinii*, *Pseudocaryophyllus multiflorus*]

CHILEAN MYRTLE is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to Chile it has lemony-scented, copper maturing to glossy dark-green leaves and small, fragrant white flowers with many stamens.

It is also known as Cauchao, Luma, and Palo madrono.

The flowers are pollinated by bees.

Luma is derived from a local Chilean name for some plants in the *Myrtaceae* family and compares this species with those in the *Luma* genus.

The tree is often cultivated as an ornamental plant and at the beginning of the 21st Century is also attracting the interest of bonsai enthusiasts.

The bluish-black berries are eaten locally.