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Eugenia aggregata

[Synonyms : *Myrtus aggregata*]

CHERRY OF THE RIO GRANDE is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to southern Brazil it has small white flowers with many stamens.

It is also known as Aggregate eugenia, and *Cerise du Rio Grande* (French).

Aggregata is derived from Latin *aggregati*- (crowded, close) meaning ‘clustered in a dense mass’.

The sweet-tasting dark red berries can be eaten raw or made into preserves or jam. They are also squeezed for their juice.