PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium stamineum L.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Buckberry, Deerberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked. The fruit although edible are not attractive. They are often bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It forms a crown and develops suckers. It grows 1.2 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are pale green and narrowly oval. They are 2-8 cm long by 1-3 cm wide. There are usually 2-7 flowers in a group. They are white to green. The fruit are green to yellow berries. They can be purple or black. They are 7-18 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits USDA hardiness zone 6.

PICTURES



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