PLANT FACT SHEET

Frangula caroliniana (Walter) A. Gray

GENUS *Frangula* **FAMILY** Rhamnaceae

COMMON NAMES Indian cherry, Carolina Buckthorn, Redberry, Yellow buckthorn, Yellowwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. The crown is spreading. The branches are slender. It grows 9-12 m high. The trunk is 15 cm across. The bark is grey and often with black patches. The leaves are 5-13 cm long and 2-4 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and have fine wavy teeth along the edge. The veins are almost straight. The leaves have rust coloured hairs when young. The mature leaves are dark green above and paler underneath. The leaves turn yellow in autumn. The flowers are 5 mm wide. They are bell shaped. There are 5 pointed greenish-yellow sepals. The flowers occur in clusters at the base of the leaves. The fruit are 10 mm across. They are berry like and turn from red to black. They contain 3 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows well on wet soils in stream valleys and on limestone ridges. It grows up to 600 m altitude in the southern USA. It suits hardiness zones 5 to 9. Hobart Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be used as a hedge.

NOTES

There are over 100 Rhamnus species.

PICTURES



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