PLANT FACT SHEET

Ilex mucronata (L.) M.Powell, Savol. & S. Andrews

GENUS *Ilex* **FAMILY** Aquifoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain holly, Catberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The berries are bitter but are stored and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tall shrub. It grows 3 m high. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is smooth. The twigs are slender and smooth. They are often purple. The leaves are alternate and simple. They are 7 cm long and thin. They end in an abrupt point. There may be teeth along the edge. The stalk is purplish. The male and female flowers are separate on separate trees. The fruit are berry like. They are purplish-red and 6-12 mm across. They are on a long slender stalk.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is found in swamps and along streams. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There is only one (2) Nemopanthus spcies.

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