PLANT FACT SHEET

Gaultheria tomentosa H. B. Kunth

GENUS *Gaultheria* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are pulpy and sweet.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It can grow to 4 m tall. The bark is reddish brown and cracks in long strips. The leaves are oval and 2-5 cm long by 0.6-1.4 cm wide. They taper to a long tip. The flowering shoots have 7-12 flowers. The fruit are 6-10 mm across and blue-black.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows between 2,700-3,400 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 170 Gaultheria species.

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