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Vaccinium myrtoides (Blume) Miq.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Gatmo

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The berries are eaten raw.
They can be used in jams and pies.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub or tree. The leaves are alternate and leathery, pointed at the tip and rounded at the base. Flowers are small and whitish or purple. The fruit are small black berries produced in several clusters. They are juicy and sweet.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. They are common in Benguet and occur from northern Luzon to Mindanao in the Philippines.

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