PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium consanguineum Klotzsch

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Arandano, Arrayan, Madrono

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are edible but have an unattractive taste.

DESCRIPTION

A tall evergreen shrub. It grows 1.2 m tall. It has stiff, ridged branches. It forms a compact bushy shrub. The young stems can be red or purple. The leaves are sword shaped and 4-8 cm long. They have shallow teeth. The flowers are cylinder shaped and 5-8 mm long. They are white with tinges of red. The fruit are round and 5-8 mm across. They are green when young but turn dark red then black as they ripen.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It can tolerate some frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or cuttings.

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