PLANT FACT SHEET

Gaultheria erecta Vent.

GENUS *Gaultheria* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Erect wintergreen

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It can be erect or arch over. It grows 0.5-3 m or more tall. It can have a white coating and be rusty coloured at the base. The leaves are oval and 5-11 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. There are small teeth along the edge. The fruit are 7-12 mm across. The fruit split along their length.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows between 1,000-3,500 m above sea level.

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