PLANT FACT SHEET

Shepherdia canadensis (L.) Nutt.

GENUS *Shepherdia* **FAMILY** Elaeagnaceae

COMMON NAMES Canadian buffaloberry, Russet buffalo berry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh. They are also made into preserves. They can be dried for later use. They can be used for making foaming drinks. The berries have little taste but are eaten.
They are also used for drinks. The fruit can be beaten in water until a foam is produced then adding sugar. This will not occur if oil is present.
They are smoked and dried.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading shrub. It grows 2.4 m high and spreads 2.4 m wide. It does not have thorns. The young twigs and buds are covered with reddish-brown scales. The leaves are are oval and dark yellowish green. They are white underneath. Plants are separately male and female. The flowers are creamy yellow. The fruit are yellow or red.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. They often grow in dry rocky environments and along streams. It suits hardiness zones 2-9.

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