PLANT FACT SHEET

**Use with caution**

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

# *Comarostaphylis diversifolia* (Parry) Greene

**GENUS** *Comarostaphylis* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Summer-holly, Mock Arbutus

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are poisonous when fresh but are edible after boiling.

## DESCRIPTION

A shrub or tree. It grows 6 m high. It can form woody tubers and sprout from the stump. The leaves are arranged in a horizontal fashion. They are 3-13 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. The leaves on shoot suckers are larger and wider. The flowering shoots are 4-14 cm long. The fruit are 5-7 mm across

## HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

## PICTURES



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