PLANT FACT SHEET

Symphoricarpos albus var. laevigatus (Fernald) S. F. Blake

GENUS *Symphoricarpos* **FAMILY** Caprifoliaceae

COMMON NAMES Common Snowberry, Coral-berry, Indian Currant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten but are not attractive.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It develops suckers and forms thickets. It grows 1-1.8 m high. The leaves are smooth and oval and are opposite each other. The edge of the leaves is wavy. The flowers are pink and bell shaped. The berries are white.

HABITAT

It can grow on most soils and can tolerate shade.

NOTES

There are about 15 Symphoricarpus species.

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