PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium microcarpum (Turcz. ex Rupr.) Schmalh.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Small cranberry, Dwarf cranberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are picked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It has thin creeping stems. It has slightly longer flower stalks than small cranberry (Vaccinium oxycoccus). The leaves are smaller and the fruit elongated. The leaves are very small and leathery. The edges roll under. The leaves are 3-7.5 mm long by 1-2.5 mm wide. They are dark green above and have a bluish bloom underneath. The flowers occur as 1-4 on the end of the stem. They are small and pink to red. The fruit are dark red berries. They are about 1 cm across. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. It grows in sphagnum bogs. It grows in alpine sphagnum bogs in the Rocky Mountains. Subarctic, alpine.

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