PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium minus Vorosch.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Low-bush cranberry, Mountain cranberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit have a sour taste.

DESCRIPTION

A small evergreen and low shrub. It grows 3-8 cm high. It has long rootstocks. It spreads close to the ground. The leaves are small, round compact and leathery. The leaves are dark green and shiny on the upper surface and more pale and with black dots underneath. The leaves over-winter under the snow. In autumn the leaves turn dark reddish-brown. The flowers are small and pink. They droop in clusters of 2 to 5. The fruit are bright red berries 5-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. It grows in the moist tundra in Alaska.

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