PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium ovatum Pursh

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Evergreen huckleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten fresh. They are also used for jam and for pies.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 0.9-1.5 m high and spreads 0.9-1.5 m wide. The leaves are 25 mm long and oval. They have teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and white or pink. They are tinted with red. They are in clusters. The fruit is blue-black. They are 5 mm across and edible.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is cold hardy. It can grow in full sun but also grows in shade. It is drought tolerant once established. It can grow in exposed coastal locations. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from cuttings of the current year's growth. They can also be grown by divisions. Seed germinate poorly and seedling growth is slow.

PICTURES



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