PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium caespitosum Michx.

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Dwarf Bilberry, Dwarf huckleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for preserves and pies. The fruit are sweet and can be eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

It is a small shrub. It grows 10-25 cm high and spreads 60 cm wide. The stems are finely branched and grow close to the ground. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are small and sometimes have teeth along the edge. The flowers are pink or cream. The fruit are bluish berries. They are 6 mm wide. They are edible.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. It grows in alpine regions of NE United States. It grows on the dry needle-littered floor of pine forests. It suits hardiness zones 2-8.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is grown from runners that have uprights and roots.

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