PLANT FACT SHEET

Gaylussacia baccata (Wangenh.) K. Koch

GENUS *Gaylussacia* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Black huckleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw. They can be used in preserves or cooked with sugar. They are used in pies and jams. They are also used for wine.
They can be mixed with four or cornmeal and made into bread.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It loses its leaves in the winter. It grows 1 m tall and spreads 1 m wide. The flowers are dull red and urn shaped. The fruit are round and shiny. They are about 5 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Canada it grows in dry rocky or sandy soils. It also grows in woodlands and swamps. It suits hardiness zone 3-7.

NOTES

There are about 42 Gaylussacia species in tropical America. The fruit are edible but sometimes have many seeds. Larger kinds have been selected for cultivation.

PICTURES



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