PLANT FACT SHEET

Polycodium stamineum (L.) Greene

GENUS *Polycodium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild Blueberry, Deerberry, Squaw huckleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be eaten raw although quality varies. They are better cooked then eaten cold. They can be used for jelly.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.5 m high and spreads 0.9 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves have smooth edges and are covered with small hairs. They change colour in autumn. The flowers are white to cream. They are in sprays. The fruit are greenish-blue berries.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PICTURES



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