PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Chamaedaphne calyculata (L.) Moench

GENUS *Chamaedaphne* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Leatherleaf, Bog rosemary

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

CAUTION Boiling can release a harmful toxin called andromedotoxin.
To avoid the toxin the leaves are put into water and put in direct sunlight to produce "sun tea".

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. The leaves are thick and leathery. They are green above and have rusty scales underneath. The flowers are bell shaped and white. They occur in rows along new growth.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It needs moist, acid soil. It needs a protected shaded position. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seed or by division. It can be cut back after flowering.

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