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.

Andromeda polifolia L.

GENUS *Andromeda* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Bog rosemary

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea

The leaves are used to make a tea.
CAUTION: Boiling can release a harmful toxin called andromedotoxin.

DESCRIPTION

A low evergreen shrub. It has tough short branches. These root along the ground. The leaves are small, oblong and leathery. The flowers are small and in short sprays at the ends of the branches. The flowers are urn shaped with a narrow mouth.

HABITAT

A cool temperate plant. It grows in the colder parts of the northern hemisphere. It grows in moist, well drained acid soils. They can tolerate frost. It cannot tolerate drought. It probably suits hardiness zones 2-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or small tip cuttings. Suckers or layering can also be used.

NOTES

There are 2 Andromeda species.

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