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.

Taxus canadensis Marshall

GENUS *Taxus* **FAMILY** Taxaceae

COMMON NAMES Canadian yew, Ground hemlock

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Twigs - tea

CAUTION: The seeds are poisonous and tea from the leaves is poisonous.
The fruit are fermented with water and maple water to make a beer.
The ripe fruit can be eaten fresh, but not the seed.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub with many stems. It is straggling. It grows to 2 m high. It does not have a trunk. The stems trail in the layers of humus. They have tips which turn upwards. The needles are single and pale green. The fruit are small and grow amongst the leaves. They are red and fleshy and 8 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

There are about 6 Taxus species.

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