PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium parvifolium Smith

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Red huckleberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used for tarts, jams and jellies. They are sour but can be eaten raw. They are also dried for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 1.8 m high and spreads 1.8 m wide. It loses its leaves during the year, but can keep its leaves in warmer climates. The leaves are 25 mm long. They are light green. The flowers are 6 mm wide. They are green with red tints. The fruit are pinkish-red berries. They let light through. They are 1.25 cm across. They are edible. They contain about 20 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best with light shade. It grows in rocky hillsides in Alaska. They are cold hardy. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

PICTURES



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