PLANT FACT SHEET

Berberis nervosa Pursh.

GENUS *Berberis* **FAMILY** Berberidaceae

COMMON NAMES Oregon grape, Longleaf Mahonia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The ripe fruit are stewed with sugar or made into jams, jellies, wines and drinks.
The young leaves are simmered in a small amount of water and eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub which grows 1 m tall. It forms suckers. The leaves are 60 cm long. The leaves are made up of 11 to 23 grey-green leaflets. These are leathery and 8 cm long. They are yellowish underneath and have teeth along the edge. The flowers are yellow and in crowded clusters 20 cm long. The fruit are blue-black.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

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