PLANT FACT SHEET

Gaultheria ovatifolia A. Gray

GENUS *Gaultheria* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Mountain checkerberry, Slender false-wintergreen, Western Teaberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked. They are spicy. They are also stewed and made into a sauce.

DESCRIPTION

A small sprawling plant. It grows 20 cm high and spreads 1 m wide. The leaves are 2-5 cm long and glossy. They are pointed at the tips. The flowers are pink or greenish-white and have 5 lobes. They are 3-4 mm wide. The fruit are 6 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in sheltered and shady places. It is cold hardy and grows in cool places.

NOTES

There are about 170 Gaultheria species.

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