



PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium myrtilloides Michaux

GENUS *Vaccinium* FAMILY Ericaceae

COMMON NAMES Velvetleaf Blueberry, Sour-top blueberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh. They are also used in pies, cakes and preserves. They can be dried.

DESCRIPTION

A low bush. The upright shoots can be 10-110 cm high. The plant is hairy. There is a soft downy covering on the twigs and leaves. The leaves are long and narrowly oval. They are 2-4 cm long and 1-1.5 cm wide. They are green and downy on both sides and do not have teeth along the edge. The plant loses its leaves during the year. The flowers are white or pale pink. The fruit is blue and 5-8 mm across. They are black with a bluish bloom. The fruit have hairy stems. They occur in clusters.

HABITAT

It is a cold temperate plant. It grows in dry shaded woods and on rocky outcrops. It also grows in bogs.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or from runners from another plant.

PICTURES



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