PLANT FACT SHEET

Vaccinium retusum (Griff.) Hook.f. ex C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Vaccinium* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows about 30 cm tall. The twigs are angled and hairy. The leaves are oval and 2-2.5 cm long by 0.9-1.4 cm wide. They are hairy on the veins underneath. The flowers are towards the end and there are about 12 flowers in a group. The fruit is a berry with 10 lobes. They are purple-black and 5 mm aross.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

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