PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus suecica L.

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Swedish bunchberry, Dwarf cornel, Dwarf cornelian cherry, Swedish dogwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit can be mixed with others berries for puddings and jams.
The fruit are also eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby plant. It keeps growing from year to year. It has an underground rhizome that sends out suckers. The stems grow from this. It grows 30 cm high. There are 3-6 pairs of pale green rounded leaves. The flowers have 4 white bracts with a small purplish black flower in the centre. There are 3-10 bright red berries at the top. They are about 1 cm across.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows on dry and rocky sites in the Arctic in Asia and Europe. It grows best in moist acidic soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It is usually grown by dividing the plant removing suckers.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cornus species.

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