



Common names

American beautyberry,

Lamiaceae

Scientific name

Callicarpa americana

Edible portion Fruit, Leaves - tea,



Description

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 1-3 m tall. It has several branches. The leaves are broad and have strong veins. The leaves are downy on the underside. The leaves are 20 cm long and have teeth. The leaves turn golden colour in autumn. The flowers are in the axils of leaves. The flowers are pink to purple and small. The fruit are brilliant mauve. They occur in tight clusters like bunches of grapes. The berries are 5 mm across.

Distribution

It is a temperate plant. It will grow in most soils and conditions. It is frost resistant but sensitive to drought. It suits hardiness zones 6-10.

Found in:

Australia, Britain, Central America, Europe, Hawaii, North America, Pacific, Tasmania, USA*, West Indies,

Use

Cultivation

They can be grown from tip cuttings. It can also be grown from seed.

Production



Please Note: Except where otherwise noted, content on this site is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Licence - this means you can share it freely, as is and with acknowledgement.



*Helping the Hungry Feed Themselves Well...
... through the strategic use of God's amazing natural resources*

