



Red Huckleberry

Vaccinium parvifolium

Characteristics

Deciduous shrub with bright green branches having small, less than 1 inch, alternate oval leaves with smooth edges. Reach 4 to 10 feet tall when mature. In winter characterized by bright green twigs and branches with small bright red alternate buds.

Flowers/Fruit

Appearing in spring, flowers small, white to pinkish green, bell shaped hanging under the stems. Bright red, smooth, round berries about 1/4 inch in diameter form in early summer.

Habitat Value

Fruit, twigs, and foliage eaten by Mule Deer, raccoons, squirrels, and rabbits. Black Bear, Cedar Waxwings, Varied Thrushes, and American Robins feed on berries.

Home Garden Applications

Prefers acid loamy soil, often grows on rotting wood. Does best in shade to partial shade. Provides good fall color. Tolerant of dry shady areas.