

Vaccinium L.

Depressed, creeping or upright dwarf shrubs with deciduous or evergreen leaves; flowers axillary or in terminal racemes; corolla campanulate or globose-urceolate; fruit a many-seeded berry.

- a. Leaves deciduous; fruit sweet, blue-black with a bluish bloom
 - b. Leaves and twigs pubescent; flowers in dense clusters....*V. myrtilloides* (blueberry)
 - b. Leaves and twigs glabrous or nearly so; flowers solitary or few
 - c. Leaves ovate or oblanceolate, rarely more than 1 cm long
 - d. Leaves with entire margins.....*V. uliginosum* (bilberry)
 - d. Leaves with serrate margins.....*V. caespitosum* (dwarf bilberry)
 - c. Leaves elliptic-oblong, 2-5 cm long.....*V. membranaceum* (huckleberry)
- a. Leaves evergreen, shiny; fruits acid, red, shiny.....*V. vitis-idaea* (lingonberry)

Glossary

Axillary: flowers or clusters that arise at the junction of the stem or axis and the leaf

Racemes: an inflorescence that has an unbranched central stem with flowers growing on separate stalks out the sides.

Corolla: all the petals together

Campanulate: bell-shaped flowers

Globose-urceolate: globular urn or pitcher shaped flowers

Pubescent: Covered with short soft hair

Glabrous: Free of hair, smooth

Ovate: Oval, egg-like, shape

