

Vaccinium angustifolium

Lowbush Blueberry

Native to Maine

Upland
Fields and Developed Areas

Leaves



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Look for glossy green to blue-green leaves (up to 2 cm) that are oval with hairy undersides and smooth edges. The leaves alternate on the stem.

Plant



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Look for small, flat shrubs found in dry open areas that form large carpets up to 40 cm tall. Look for bright red leaves after August.

LEAF ARRANGEMENT	LEAF TYPE	LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE	LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE
 ALTERNATE	 SIMPLE	 PALMATE	 SMOOTH
 OPPOSITE	 COMPOUND-PALMATE	 OVAL	 TOOTHED
 WHORLED	 COMPOUND-PINNATE	 ROUND	 WAVY

Stem



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Look for light reddish-brown twigs.

Seasonal Change



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In May to June look for tiny white bell-shaped flowers in small clusters. By late July and early August look for small dark-blue berries. Leaves turn dark red in the fall.

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Similar Species

The Lowbush Blueberry has smaller leaves and berries than the Highbush Blueberry. The Lowbush Blueberry grows only in dry open areas. It forms carpets growing no taller than 40 cm. The Highbush Blueberry can grow in swamps, pastures, and woods. It forms bushes up to 3 m

Fun Fact

Studies show that eating blueberries is healthy and may even slow the effects of aging, particularly loss of memory and movement.