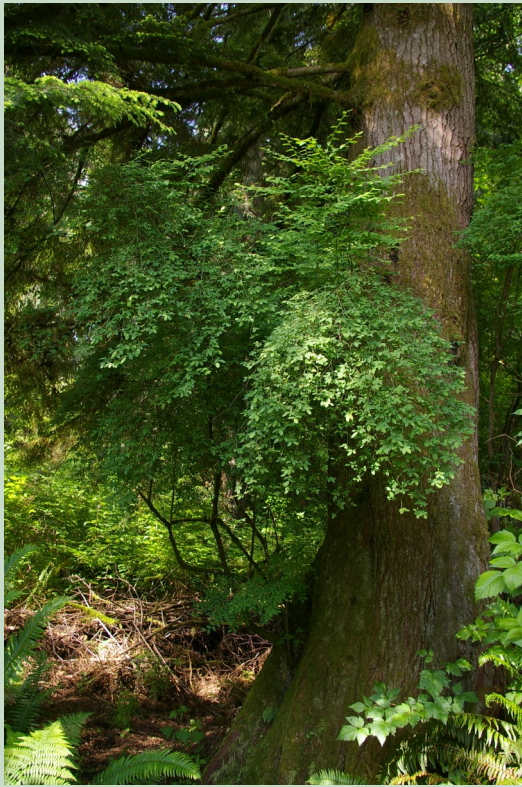


Red Huckleberry



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Vaccinium parvifolium

PNW Native Plant

Can you see who's munching on these delicious berries in the top right picture?

YUMMY!

Cultural Uses

These berries were used as fish bait in streams and eaten raw. When gathered in quantities they were dried single like raisins, mashed into cakes for winter use. There are different harvesting techniques, clubbing the branches and allowing the berries to fall into a basket, or using a comb like implement, which meant you had to separate the leaves from the berries. The leaves can be dried and made into a delicious tea.

General

Erect deciduous shrub, usually found on logs or stumps. Leaves are alternate and oval. The fruits are bright red round berries, a little sour for some but edible.

PART SUN, OPEN
CANOPY

SOIL RICH IN
DECAYING WOOD

ECOLOGY

Coniferous forest, often at forest edges or under canopy openings, in soils rich in decaying wood, often on stumps or logs at low to middle elevations