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Vaccinium macrocarpon

Large Cranberry



Requires acidic, swampy conditions. An attractive groundcover, for the right place. Very low and spreading. Glossy, dark green foliage turns reddish purple during the winter. Fruit is both ornamental and edible.

Suggested companions: leatherleaf (*Chamaedaphne calyculata*), highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), pitcher plant (*Sarracenia purpurea*), tamarack (*Larix laricina*), black spruce (*Picea mariana*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 2"-6" H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Flower Color:

White
Pink

Bloom Time:

June
July

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Winter interest
Edible fruit
Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:

Swamp/ Bog

Exposure: sun
filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: Yes