



## **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.