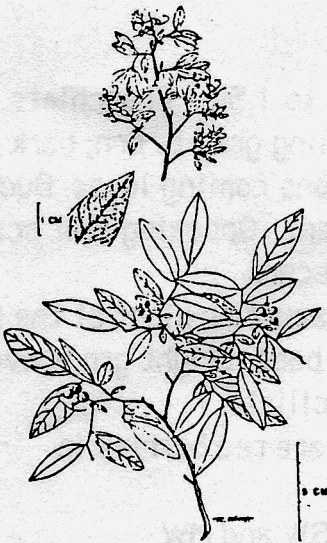


16. *Gaylussacia baccata* -black huckleberry.



- an erect, much-branched shrub to  $\approx 1$ m. Branchlets brn and minutely hairy at first, older stems purplish-blk w small sections of papery bark peeling off; has 2 visible bud scales, 1 bundle scar, and false end buds.
- lvs alt, ovate to elliptic, dk grn above, paler beneath; both sfces sprinkled w ylw resin dots (much more noticeable below), margins entire and minutely hairy, tips rounded, blunt, or pointed, tapering to a short petiole.
- flws small, pink to ylw-red, in lateral racemes. Fruit a blk berry-like drupe.
- found on acidic soils; dry or wet sites under SW, dry or wet sites on barrens and bogs.
- fruit eaten by grouse and humans.

17. *Vaccinium myrtilloides* -velvetleaf blueberry.



- a low erect shrub to  $\approx 0.6$ m, w spreading or ascending branches. Young branches greenish-brn, densely hairy; older stems reddish-brn w many warty lenticels and fewer hairs, bark peeling; has 2-3 visible bud scales, 1 bundle scar, and false end buds.
- lvs alt, oval to elliptic, tapered or pointed at both ends, or somewhat rounded at the base; dk grn above, paler beneath; downy on both sfcs, or sometimes glabrous above except along the veins; margins entire and ciliate; petioles very short and hairy.
- flws in crowded clusters at the ends of short leafy branches (terminal racemes). Fruit an edible, sour, blue berry.
- found most frequently in colonies on moist or dry sites under SW, also in clearings, on bogs and barrens.
- fruit eaten by grouse and humans.

[Similar species - *Vaccinium angustifolium*.]

18. *Vaccinium angustifolium* -low, sweet blueberry.



- a low erect shrub to  $\approx 0.6$ m, w numerous spreading or ascending branches; stoloniferous and forming lg patches. Similar to *V. myr.*, but branchlets are greenish-brn, minutely warty, usually glabrous but sometimes w fine hairs running in lines down from nodes. Older stems red-brn w flaky bark.
- lvs alt, oval to elliptic, tapered or pointed at both ends; bright grn and glabrous on both sfcs (perhaps a few hairs along veins), margins minutely serrate, petiole very short.
- flws in terminal or lateral clusters, fruit a sweet blue berry.
- found in colonies on dry to moist sites under SW, also in clearings, on bogs and barrens.
- fruit eaten by grouse and humans.

[Similar species - *Vaccinium myrtilloides*.]