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*Ardisia escallonioides*

[Synonyms : *Ardisia escallonioides*, *Ardisia paniculata*, *Ardisia pickeringia*, *Cyrilla paniculata*, *Icacorea paniculata*]

**MARLBERRY** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native from the United States to Mexico, Guatemala and the Caribbean, it has small, purple-dotted and lined, white flowers.

It is also known as Dog berry, and Island marlberry.

*Escallonioides* is made up of the genus name *Escallonia* and Greek *-oides* (like) components meaning 'like species in that genus'.

Records indicate that some parts of the plant provided food for the North American Seminole Indians.

The Seminole Indians made arrows and meat roasting sticks from the stems.