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*Berberis canadensis*

[Synonyms : *Berberis angulizans*, *Berberis carolinina*]

**AMERICAN BARBERRY** is a deciduous shrub. Native to eastern North America it has bright yellow flowers.

It is also known as Alleghany barberry, European barberry, Jaundice berry, and Pepperidge bush.

*Canadensis* means ‘of or from Canada or north-eastern North America’.

Like other barberries, the American barberry is a host for rusts.

The edible fruit can still be used today for making jams and other preserves.

The bark has been used by the North American Cherokee Indians to treat diarrhoea.

Medicinally, North American herbalists have used the berries to treat jaundice and fevers.