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Solanum melanocerasum

[Synonyms : *Solanum intrusum*, *Solanum nigrum* var. *guineense*, *Solanum scabrum*]

WONDERBERRY is probably a perennial hybrid. Of uncertain origin (possibly from Africa) it has small white flowers.

It is also known as Black nightshade, Common nightshade, Deadly nightshade, Garden huckleberry, and Sunberry.

Warning – all parts of the plant are poisonous except the ripe fruit. Authorities urge caution however as the unripe fruit can be extremely poisonous as well.

Melanocerasum is made up of Greek *melano-* (black) and Latin *cerasus* (cherry) components with reference to the cherry-like black fruit.

Wonderberry is eaten as a cooked vegetable in tropical West Africa and the ripe fruit are also eaten in pies.