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Vaccinium arboreum

[Synonyms : *Batodendron andrachneforme*, *Batodendron arboreum*, *Vaccinium arboreum* var. *arboreum*, *Vaccinium arboreum* var. *glaucescens*]

FARKLEBERRY is a deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern North America it has tiny white flowers with hairy stamens.

It is also known as Gooseberry, Huckleberry, Sparkleberry, Tree-huckleberry, Whortleberry, and Winter huckleberry.

Arboreum is derived from Latin *arbor* (tree) meaning ‘tree-like or tending to be woody’.

The tiny glossy black berries are enjoyed by birds, small mammals, bears and deer.

Medicinally, both the berries and root bark have been used not least for treating chronic dysentery.