

# Blaeberry/Bilberry - *Vaccinium myrtillus*



## Description

Blaeberry (Scotland) or bilberry (England) is a small, woody dwarf-shrub species with small 1-3cm leaves on green, ridged stems. The plant rarely grows taller than 30cm. The small pale-pink flowers ripen to the berries when fertilised, and are very similar in appearance to blueberries.

The species is found in very poor, dry to moist, acid soils in a range of habitats. It can be seen growing under conifer plantations in some locations and is palatable to sheep and deer, making a useful indicator of grazing level in an area.

## Soil regimes

<b>Soil reaction (R)</b>	2
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<b>Nitrogen availability (N)</b>	2
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