

Cowberry - *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*



Description

Cowberry is a woody dwarf-shrub related to bilberry and blueberry. The plant has oval shaped tough, dark, evergreen leaves 1-3cm in length. The flowers are bell shaped and pale pink, with a very pink base. These emerge in spring and mature to the red 'cowberry's' in summer.

The species grows in poor quality, dry, acidic soils in heathland, and W17 and 18 woodlands - especially in the north of the UK, in exposed, colder locations.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)	2
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Nitrogen availability (N)	2
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