



# Red Huckleberry

*Vaccinium parvifolium*

Heath Family (*Ericaceae*)

**General Description:** Shrub that grows to 10ft with a zig zag twig form. Habitat ranges from moist ravines to dry slopes, often growing from a nurse log.

**Key Characteristics:** Twigs have sharp squared ridges. New growth is lime-green and older growth is grayish brown with non-distinctive lenticels. Leaf buds are alternately arranged, ovoid with slightly curving tips that are appressed to the stem, they are rose colored which contrasts to the bright green stem.

**Confused With:** Easily confused with other *Vaccinium* spp. and Scot's broom.

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