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Twinberry (*Lonicera involucrata*)

Distribution

Twinberry, also known as Bearberry honeysuckle, grows from southeast Alaska to Mexico, from low elevations to sub-alpine environments.

Growth Habit

Twinberry is a deciduous shrub that grows to 12 feet tall, spreading to 10 feet wide. Two petite yellow flowers periodically bloom on the end of new growth throughout the summer months. The two flowers yield to two small round black berries that contain small seeds.

Adaptability

It is most commonly found growing in moist sites such as stream sides, bogs, and lake shores. It grows as a shaded under-story species, or in exposed, open areas.

Comments

- Twinberry is an excellent, fast-growing shrub for riparian and wetland restoration.
- Its roots are effective at soil-binding for erosion control.
- The black berries are eaten by some species of birds.
- They are very bitter and poisonous to humans.
- It was given names such as Crow Berry, Raven Food and Monster's Food by some indigenous people.

