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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.

Growth Habit:

Twinberry is a deciduous shrub that grows to 12 feet tall, spreading to 10 feet wide.

Adaptability:

Twinberry 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 however, and not edible for people. It was given names such as Crow Berry, Raven Food and Monster's Food by some indigenous people.

