

# ***Vaccinium elliotii***

## Elliott's blueberry



### **Sources:**

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The Heath Family (Ericaceae)

This shrub has alternate, deciduous, simple leaves; and reddish brown bark with shredding appearance.

**Habitat:** It prefers well-drained soils; and is found in upland forests or wetland areas across the southern U.S.

**Interesting Facts:** This plant is one of the first of the season to produce flowers and berries.

**Fruit:** The fruit is a small, edible black berry that matures late spring to early summer.

**Flower:** The flower is a small, pinkish white bell-shape with clusters in groups of 3-5 flowers and blooms in spring.

**Wildlife value:** The berries are eaten by birds, and the pollen is a food source for bees, butterflies and other pollinators.