

Make a Berry Field Guide

Learn to identify a few of Alaska's berry species by making a field guide!



Field guides are books that help you identify plants or animals in nature. They can help you tell the difference between two species that look similar. For plants, field guides are important to identify which ones are poisonous.

Left: Cover of *Alaska's Wild Berries* by Verna E. Pratt.

Materials:

Field Guide Printable, *Alaska Berries* sheet, coloring materials (crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc).

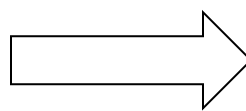


Instructions:



Step 1: Color the berry pictures. Use the pictures on the *Alaska Berries* sheet as a guide.

Step 2: Fold your sheet in half lengthwise along the dotted line. Then fold in half along the vertical dotted line, with the cover page on top. You now have a mini field guide!



Step 3: Take your field guide outside and practice identifying berry species!

Caution: This field guide is for informational purposes only. **Never eat a berry until you know it is safe!** If you are not sure, check with an expert or a professional guidebook, such as *Alaska's Wild Berries* by Verna E. Pratt.

Alaska Berries

Note: Many kinds of berries grow in Alaska. This guide shows eight berries found in the Fairbanks area. For more information, see *Alaska's Wild Berries* by Verna E. Pratt.



Bog Blueberry
(*Vaccinium uliginosum*)



Lowbush Cranberry
[Lingonberry]
(*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*)



Crowberry
(*Empetrum nigrum*)



Highbush Cranberry
(*Viburnum edule*)



Cloudberry
[Salmonberry]
(*Rubus chamaemorus*)



Red Raspberry
(*Rubus idaeus*)

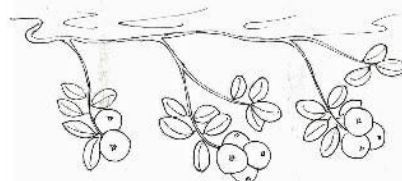


Wild Strawberry
(*Fragaria virginiana*)



Rosehip
[Prickly Rose]
(*Rosa acicularis*)

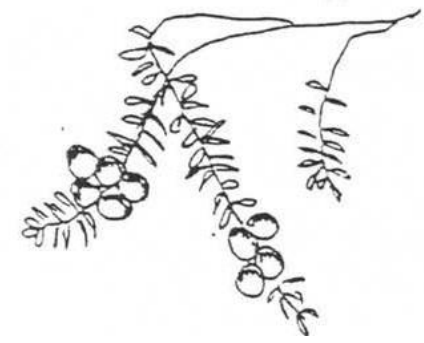
Images: Highbush Cranberry & Rosehip: Winterberry (sites.google.com/alaska.edu/winterberry/). All others: Wikimedia Commons.



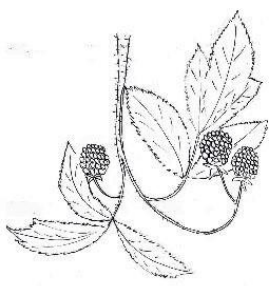
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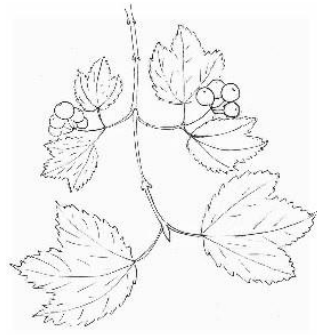
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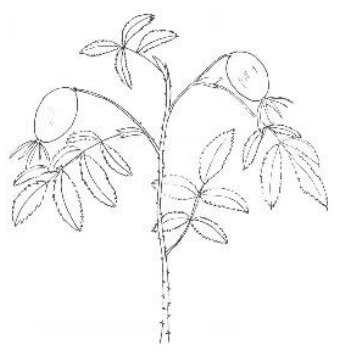
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My Alaska Berry Book

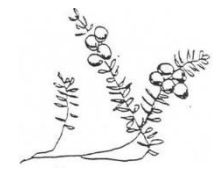
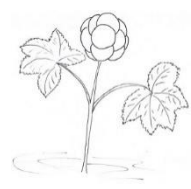
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