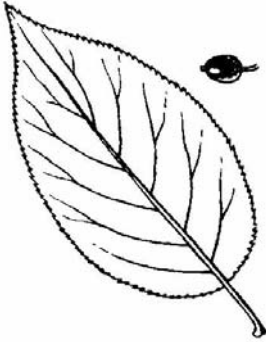


## NANNYBERRY

*Viburnum lentago* L.

Nannyberry occurs statewide as a shrub or small tree reaching a height of 10-30 feet. It occurs frequently in the state growing in moist soils often along the borders of swamps or streams.



The **leaves** are opposite, ovate, abruptly pointed, with fine sharp teeth. The upper surface is a lustrous deep green. The under surface is lighter. The petiole is conspicuously flanged with a warty, wavy margin.

The dark blue **fruit** ripens in the fall. It is about one-half inch long, ellipsoid, edible, sweet, tough-skinned, with a nipple-like tip. The fruit occurs in small drooping clusters on red stemmed stalks and does not shrivel or shrink when ripe.

The terminal **buds** are shaped like a pair of rabbit ears and bulge at the base. The two large bud scales extend beyond the end of the bud. They are nearly smooth and are purplish brown to lead-colored. The smooth **twigs** of the season are gray to gray-brown in color. The **wood** is orange-brown and emits an unpleasant odor.

## WITCH-HAZEL

*Hamamelis virginiana* L.

Witch-hazel occurs as a small tree or shrub in most parts of Maine except in the far north. It has scaly bark, zigzag branchlets, and exposed, hairy, scalpel-shaped buds. The leaves are alternate, broadly egg-shaped in outline, non-symmetrical at the base, and have a wavy margin.

It is found on borders of the forest in low rich soil, or on rocky banks of streams. It has bright yellow flowers in the autumn. The fruit is a woody capsule, usually two in a cluster. The seeds are discharged fiercely when ripe. An extract from the bark is mixed with alcohol and used as an astringent.