



## Crackerberry

*Cornus canadensis*



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**Crackerberry/Bunchberry**  
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**General:** A low erect plant up to 10 cm tall that grows in colonies.

**Leaves & Twigs:** Four to six smooth-edged oval leaves with parallel veins form a ring around the stem.

**Flowers & Fruits:** Above the green leaves are four showy white bracts that look like petals. Tiny green, purple or cream-coloured flowers are clustered in the centre of the white bracts. Clusters of red-orange berries appear later in the summer.

**Habitat:** A forest plant which tolerates a variety of soil and site conditions throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Blooming Time:** June

**How to Observe:** Select a typical patch of plants, if the plants are very abundant, mark off a one meter square patch of plants to observe.

**First Bloom:** When the first flowers are open on the observed plants (black central dots are visible; these are the stigmas).

**Mid Bloom:** When half of the flowers are open on the observed plants.