

Wintergreen

Galutheria procumbens

-The members of the Ericaceae or Heath Family are a very successful family in the Northwoods, dealing with the mineral-poor substrates, acidic conditions, and extreme cold.

-Wintergreen's shiny, leathery leaves are oval with a slight point, 1-2 inches long, numbering two to five per plant. When the leaves are crushed they smell like, you guessed it, wintergreen.

-Wintergreen is a low woody plant with oval, thick, glossy leaves. It produces large red berries that will remain on the plant throughout the winter.

-The nodding urn-shaped flowers of Wintergreen bloom in mid July to early August.

-Wintergreen can make a wonderful ground cover.

