

Solanum dulcamara - Plant



It is native to northern Africa, Europe, and Asia, but has spread throughout the world. The plant is relatively important in the diet of some species of birds such as European thrushes which feed on its fruits and are immune to its poisons, scattering the seeds abroad. It grows in all types of terrain with a preference for wetlands[citation needed] and the understory of riparian forests.

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Description

Description for Solanum dulcamara

Bittersweet is a semi-woody herbaceous perennial vine, which scrambles over other plants, capable of reaching a height of 4 m where suitable support is available, but more often 1 to 2 m high. The leaves are 4 to 12 cm long, roughly arrowhead shaped, and often lobed at the base. The flowers are in loose clusters of 3 to 20, 1 to 1.5 cm across, star-shaped, with five purple petals and yellow stamens and style pointing forward. The fruit is an ovoid red berry about 1 cm long, soft and juicy.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Bittersweet,blue bindweed,snakeberry	Greenish-white to yellow	May to June	15 to 20 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

The flowers bloom from April to September, they grow in loose clusters, are star-shaped with five blue-violet (rarely white) petals that point backward and stamens that are fused in a prominent yellow cone; they grow along the branches on short stalks extending out from the stems.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	Well-drained soil	Medium	39.7 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Solanum dulcamara

It was considered good for removing witchcraft in both men and animals, and to rid all sudden diseases whatsoever. It was also considered a remedy for vertigo or dizziness when tied about the neck.

Typical uses of Solanum dulcamara

Special features: Woodland gardens, naturalized areas. Provides quick cover for fences, arbors, trellises, posts, walls or other structures in the landscape. Also may be grown along the ground to camouflage rock piles or old tree stumps.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: People take bittersweet nightshade for skin conditions including eczema, itchy skin, acne, boils, broken skin, and warts. They also take it for joint pain (rheumatism), other types of pain, and fluid retention; and as a calming agent (sedative). Some people apply bittersweet nightshade directly to the skin for eczema.

References

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Reviews

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