**ERICACEAE**

*Gaultheria humifusa*  (Grah.) Rydb.

*Gaultheria ovatifolia*  Gray

Gahu  
Oregon wintergreen  
western wintergreen  
slender wintergreen

**FORM:** Low subshrub; mat forming with stems freely branching.

Gahu: stems seldom over 10cm (4in) long, scarcely 3cm (1in) tall.

Gaov: stems 5-20cm (2-8in) long, sometimes ascending to 30cm (12in) tall.

**STEMS:** Gahu: glabrous, trailing, crooked.

Gaov: several thin, reddish, angular branches covered with long, reddish hairs.

**LEAVES:** Alternate, evergreen, persistent, shiny leaves.

Gahu: broadly ovate to round, 1-2cm long and 5-15mm broad, margins finely toothed to entire.

Gaov: ovate to almost heart-shaped, margins finely but distinctly toothed, 2-4cm (1-2in) long and 1-3cm (1in) broad.

**FLOWERS:** Corolla white or pinkish, bell-shaped, borne single in leaf axils.

Gahu: calyx glabrous; July-Aug.

Gaov: calyx covered with long glandular brown hairs; June-Aug.

**FRUIT:** Edible, bright red berry, 6-8mm broad.

**SIMILAR SPECIES:** [Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, p.3]; and [Linnea borealis, p.43].

**HABITAT:** Gahu: moist subalpine to alpine, most common on Nazperce NF;

Gaov: midelevation forest, drier and warmer than Gahu.