ERICACEAE
Vaccinium scoparium Leiberg
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grouse whortleberry, grouseberry

FORM: Low, perennial shrub 10-25cm (4-10in) tall.

STEMS: Numerous bright green, slender, strongly angled, appearing broomlike.

LEAVES: Alternate, deciduous, lanceolate, 8-15mm long, glabrous, shiny light green above, dull below, finely serrate.

FLOWERS: Pinkish, urn-shaped, 4mm long; May-Aug.

FRUIT: Bright red, sweet berry, 3-5mm broad.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Vaccinium caespitosum, p.79; V. myrtillus, p.81; and Vaccinium Conspectus, p.78.