

Make a Berry Field Guide

Learn to identify a few of Alaska's berry species by making a field guide!



Field guides are books that help you identify plants or animals in nature. They can help you tell the difference between two species that look similar. For plants, field guides are important to identify which ones are poisonous.

Materials Needed:

Field Guide template, *Alaska Berries* sheet, 2 pieces of construction paper (4.5 inches x 6 inches), glue, crayons or colored pencils.

Instructions:

Step 1: Glue the two pieces of construction paper to the Field Guide template where indicated. These will be the front and back covers of your booklet.

Step 2: Place your booklet with the covers facing up. Fold back-and-forth on the dotted lines, accordion-style.

Step 3: Color the berry pictures with crayons or colored pencils. Use the pictures on the *Alaska Berries* sheet as a guide.

Step 4: Decorate the front and back covers. You can use crayons, colored pencils, or any other craft materials you have available. Be creative!



Caution: This field guide is for informational purposes only. **Never eat a berry until you know it is safe!** If you are not sure, check with an expert or a professional guidebook, such as *Alaska's Wild Berries* by Verna E. Pratt.

Alaska Berries



Bog Blueberry
(*Vaccinium uliginosum*)



Lowbush Cranberry [Lingonberry]
(*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*)



Crowberry
(*Empetrum nigrum*)



Highbush Cranberry
(*Viburnum edule*)



Nagoonberry
(*Rubus arcticus*)



Cloudberry [Salmonberry]
(*Rubus chamaemorus*)



Red Raspberry
(*Rubus idaeus*)



Red Currant
(*Ribes triste*)



Wild Strawberry
(*Fragaria virginiana*)



Rosehip [Prickly Rose]
(*Rosa acicularis*)



Soapberry [Buffalo Berry]
(*Shepherdia canadensis*)



Baneberry (*Actaea rubra*)

POISONOUS!

Note: Many kinds of berries grow in Alaska. This guide shows twelve berries found in several regions of Alaska. For more information, see *Alaska's Wild Berries* by Verna E. Pratt.