

# Black crowberry

*Empetrum nigrum* subsp. *hermaphroditum*  
(Hagerup) Böcher, 1952

The crowberry is a shrub that covers the ground, but never grows very high. Its leaves are short, fleshy, with a whitish midrib on the underside. Its flowers are very inconspicuous, usually only noticeable by the large stamens that emerge from them. In contrast, its fruits are easily observed: they are round berries of a beautiful shiny black colour.

## Not to confuse

The dwarf water lily (*Kalmia palustris*) has clearly visible flowers without long stamens and produces red, more or less oval-shaped fruits.



## Common names

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## Environment

High altitude heathlands

## Altitude

1200-2900 m

## Season

- july-september

## Size

5 to 20 cm

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