

# Bilberry Bilberry

*Solanum mauritianum*

## Description

- A large invasive shrub which can grow up to 10m tall in some areas
- Easily recognised by the silver-green appearance of the plant, caused by the fine whitish felt that covers the twigs and the underside of the leaves
- The leaves are up to 30cm long and have narrow points
- The violet flowers are found in clusters
- They are quickly followed by poisonous, round fruits, green ripening to yellow or red



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## Distribution

- Is abundant in both dry areas and damp guts from about 600 to 700m
- At St Helena and the Cross, Blue Hill, it can be seen growing into a forest

## Habitat

Habitat includes:

- Tall semi-woody alien stands
- Alien thickets/hedges

