

Title	Postharvest characteristics of Red Bay Berry
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### **Abstract**

A study was conducted to determine the Red Bay Berry (*Myrica rubra*) fruit morphology, anatomy, physiology, and postharvest handling characteristics. Results showed that Red Bay Berry fruits were about the size of lychee fruits. They had soft outer skin and pulp tissues surrounding a seed somewhat similar to a cherry fruit stone. The fruits were deep red in colour when fully ripe. Based on their respiratory and ethylene production patterns during ripening on the tree, the fruits were non-climacteric. Fruits harvested immature tasted sour and failed to ripen fully. Tree-ripened fruits were highly susceptible to physical damage.