

EXCERPT FROM RECORDED INTERVIEW OF JACK REAKOFF TALKING ABOUT THE  
USE OF KINNIKINNICK BERRIES  
CONDUCTED BY CAROL SCOTT  
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JACK REAKOFF: Under these medicinal plants, there's this kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*).

CAROL SCOTT: What do you use that for?

JACK REAKOFF: You make it into tea. Do you know what it looks like?

CAROL SCOTT: Is that -- bright green leaves with really tiny red berries? 'Cause I've heard that called grouse whortleberry (this is *Vaccinium scoparium*, which is is not the same plant as kinnikinnick), and I don't know if that's the same thing.

JACK REAKOFF: Well, they're -- they're kind of -- No, they're kind of a big berry. Uric acid makes a bacterial sign.

CAROL SCOTT: Really?

JACK REAKOFF: Hm-mm. According to what I read about it. The Eskimos, old lady Jones, she used to (inaudible) -- But, it's --

CAROL SCOTT: Cool.