

Serviceberry

Amelanchier arborea

Plant Description – Native, tree, deciduous, perennial

Height: 15 – 30 ft Width/Spread: 15 – 25 ft



Leaves

Shape: Ovate

Margin: Serrate

Arrangement: Alternate Form: Simple

Leaf Description: Leaves are up to 4 inches long and 2 inches wide; pointed at the tip and finely toothed along the edges; new leaves are covered in soft hairs which disappear as the leave matures; Leaves turn bright orange or red in the fall

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: White

Flower Shape: Stellate

In Bloom: Apr - May

Flower Description: 5 white, strap-like petals per flower; sometimes tinted with pink; slightly fragrant; occur in clusters at branch tips before leaves develop



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds

Seed Type: Fruit – Pome

Months in Seed: Summer

Fruit and Seed Description: Reddish purple; round; resemble blueberries; darker purplish when mature; edible and have a sweet taste

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Native Bees, Other Pollinators, Other Birds, and Small Mammals

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; Typically grows as a multi-stemmed shrub or tree but pruning after flowering can promote a more tree-like growth pattern; Can spread by root suckers if they are not removed. Until established, water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year.

