



Serviceberry

Amelanchier canadensis

Height: 15-25' | Spread: 15-20' | Light: O- | Moisture: medium

Commonly called shadblow serviceberry. This species is a small, often multi-trunked understory tree or tall shrub. It features showy white flowers in clusters in early spring before the leaves emerge. These blooms give way to delicious purple-red edible berries in June that resemble blueberries in size, color and taste. Berries can be eaten raw or used in jams and pies! If you don't eat them, the birds certainly will. Serviceberries will tolerate a range of soil types but not drought. It flowers best in part sun to part shade but tolerates shade. Serviceberries finish off the year with attractive yellow-orange leaf color. Note: serviceberries are susceptible to cedar apple rust, which does not generally harm the tree but renders the berries inedible.



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