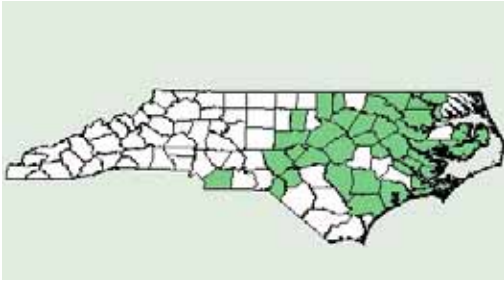


SERVICEBERRY

Amelanchier canadensis

Aka Juneberry, shadblow, shadbush, shadbloom



Description: A deciduous early-flowering suckering shrub or small tree. White flowers are slightly fragrant, in drooping clusters which appear before the leaves emerge in early spring.

Natural Habitat: Wet areas, swamps, pocosins, pine savannas and along streams.

Size: 6 – 20 ft tall

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: Full sun to part shade

Planting and Care: Prefers wet sites. If there are poorly draining areas where most shrubs would be at risk of root-rot, Serviceberry can be most useful, but such bogginess is not essential and it also does fine in ground with normal watering schedules. Easily transplanted.

Ornamental Value: Has showy flowers and fall color.

Landscape Usage: Generally pruned up to form a small tree. Best in woodland, naturalized or native plant gardens, especially with dark or shaded backdrops which tend to highlight the form, flowers and fall color of the plant. Also effective planted along stream banks and ponds.

Commercial/Traditional Uses: Edible berries resemble blueberries in size and color and are used in jams, jellies and pies. Wood is used for tool handles or small implements.

Wildlife Benefits: Birds and small wildlife dine on fruit.