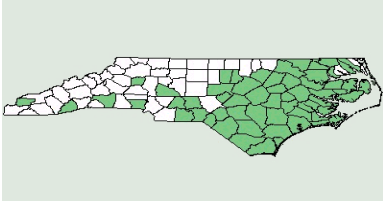


# ***BEAUTY BERRY***

Callicarpa americana

***AKA: American beautyberry, beautyberry, French mulberry***



**Description:** An outstanding deciduous shrub that grows in an open loose form with outward pointing branches. When planted under a stand of pines, the beautyberry's foliage takes on a yellow-green color making a nice contrast with its purple colored berries.

**Natural Habitat:** It inhabits relatively open, well drained, rich woodlands and dry hammocks.

**Conservation Status:** Endangered in Maryland

**Size:** 6-8 feet

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Light:** Sun to part shade

**Planting and Care:** Requires well-drained, dry to moist soil. Considered drought tolerant. Cut back severely each year for best berry production. This shrub often volunteers with such vigor some consider it a weed species.

**Ornamental Value:** Displays tiny lilac flowers in spring followed with tightly packed clusters of purple berries that encircle its stem in autumn.

**Landscape Usage:** Ideal for low maintenance natural woodland gardens.

**Wildlife Benefits:** Berries attract bees and a variety of birds.