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TREE SPECIES SPOTLIGHT

VIEW PLANTING RESOURCES

Amelanchier laevis

Allegheny Serviceberry

COMMON NAME
Smooth Serviceberry, Serviceberry

Bring beauty and biodiversity to your landscape with the native Allegheny Serviceberry. This multi-trunked deciduous tree or tall shrub is valued for its four-season interest and attractive summer fruit. In early spring, it produces slightly fragrant, star-shaped white flowers in showy clusters. This tree will bear small, red to deep purple berries that are similar in taste and appearance to blueberries. These berries are often used in jams, pies, and syrups.



USDA HARDINESS ZONES
4-8

GROWTH SPEED
Medium

SUN PREFERENCES
Partial Sun/Shade

SOIL PREFERENCES
Acidic, Well Drained

MATURE TREE HEIGHT & SPREAD ESTIMATION
Height: 15 - 25 ft tall
Spread: 15 - 25 ft wide

TREE SHAPE
Rounded

TREE CATEGORY
Native, Pollinator Friendly, Edible

WHAT'S GROWING

In late spring and early summer, this serviceberry produces ¼" round berries that ripen to a deep purple or nearly black. Their sweet, mild flavor is similar to blueberries.

PLANTING AT HOME

- Choose a place to plant away from sidewalks, power lines, buildings, and pipes with plenty of space for roots to expand. Think about how tall your tree will be at maturity and how much sunlight your species needs.
- Call 811 before you dig to avoid any underground lines.
- Dig a hole about three to four times as wide as the container and as far as the roots spread out.
- Center your tree so the root collar sits even with the ground.
- Firmly pack the soil.

TREE CARE MAINTENANCE

- Add natural mulch in a 3-foot circle around the tree, about 2 to 4 inches deep. Keep mulch from touching the trunk. Think doughnut, not volcano.
- Water generously every 7 to 10 days during the first year.
- Do not use fertilizer, potting soil, or chemicals on your young tree; this could actually harm it. Soil typically has all the nutrients trees need.
- Consider a small fence made of chicken wire to protect your tree from hungry wildlife.

WILDLIFE VALUE

The fruit this tree produces is loved by birds.

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