

North Dakota Tree Selector

Scientific Name: *Sorbus decora*

Family: Rosaceae (Rose)

Hardiness: Zone 2

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Tree

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: 25'-45'

Longevity: Medium

Power Line: No

Ornamental

Flowers: Cream to white

Fruit: Red berry-like

Fall Color: Yellow

Showy Mountain-Ash

Description

Small to medium-sized tree native to eastern North America, as far west as northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. Canopy is upright-oval, changing to rounded form. Has excellent landscape value with white flower clusters in spring followed by red fruit from summer into late fall.

Preferences

Light: Full sun.

Water: Medium water needs.

Soil: Prefers well drained loam soils, does not tolerate salinity.

Comments

Showy mountain-ash does poorly in areas with hot, humid summers.

It is susceptible to fireblight and canker diseases.

Its species name comes from the Latin word *decorates* meaning decorative or showy in reference to the appearance of the fruit.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=286371&pt=14>

