

North Dakota Tree Selector

Scientific Name:

Amelanchier alnifolia

Family: Rosaceae (Rose)

Hardiness: Zone 2

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Slow

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Medium

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: White

Fruit: Purple to black

Fall Color: Yellow

Juneberry (Saskatoon or Serviceberry)

Description

A hardy, medium-to-tall, suckering shrub, native to prairie hillsides and woody draws. The juneberry is also known as a Saskatoon or a serviceberry. Fruits are highly prized for food. Selected cultivars are used in commercial production.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Water: Need adequate moisture for fruit.

Soil: Prefers loam to sandy soils.

Comments

Berries may be eaten off the plant or made into pie, jams and jellies.

'Regent'- A compact, early flowering variety that often only reaches 4-6'.

'Honeywood'- A traditional flavored fruit with a longer ripening period.

'JB30'- A sweeter variety with more juice and mild flavor.

'Martin'- A sweeter variety compared to Honeywood with more juice.

'Smoky'- Traditional flavor but most difficult to get to ripen of those tested at NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center (REC).

'Thiessen'- The sweetest variety tested at Carrington REC.

Credits: Tree selector website, North Dakota Tree Handbook, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=s410>



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