

# North Dakota Tree Selector

## General

**Scientific Name:** *Shepherdia argentea*

**Family:** Elaeagnaceae (Oleaster)

**Hardiness:** Zone 2

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Shrub

## Growth

**Rate:** Medium

**Mature Height:** >7'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Yellow

**Fruit:** Red berries

**Fall Color:** n/a

## Silver Buffaloberry

### Description

A tall, thorny, thicket-forming native shrub. Well adapted to dry, moderately alkaline and saline soils. Tolerates infertile soils, in part because of its ability to fix and assimilate atmospheric nitrogen. Berries used for jellies. Ideal for wildlife and birds.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun.

**Water:** Medium.

**Soil:** Dry, moderately alkaline and saline soils.

### Comments

Thorns should be taken into consideration in locations of use. Leaves are silvery in color with red fruits. Silvery colored foliage adds color and interest during the growing season.

'Sakakawea' buffaloberry - This seed strain cultivar was selected for its uniform growth, excellent survival rate and stand establishment, and its good seed production. Very good for conservation plantings. Released by USDA-NRCS, Plant Materials Center, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Credits: Tree Selector Website, [https://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs\\_shar.pdf](https://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs_shar.pdf)



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