Allegheny Serviceberry

Amelanchier laevis

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A native woodland tree with large showy flowers in spring and excellent fall colors; a great choice for small home landscapes; reliable and low-maintenance

Ornamental Features

Allegheny Serviceberry is blanketed in stunning clusters of white flowers rising above the foliage in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. It produces blue berries in late spring.

Landscape Attributes

Allegheny Serviceberry is an open multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Allegheny Serviceberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Allegheny Serviceberry flowers
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Allegheny Serviceberry in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Allegheny Serviceberry will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.



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