Serviceberry

Amelanchier arborea

Soil Type Loam, tolerates sand and clay. Acidic, but will tolerate

alkaline and drought. pH 5.5-7.0

Soil Moisture Medium, Moist but well-drained **Sun Exposure** Partial shade, at least 4 hours sun.

Height 6' - 20'
Width 6' - 15'
Bloom Color White
Bloom Time Apr, May

Seed/fruit June-August – small purple berries

Fall Foliage Color Yellow, red, orange

Spacing 6' - 20'

Upright, round large shrub can be pruned into a multi-stemmed small tree to help show off its smooth gray bark. Doesn't require much pruning to retain form. Grows 12-24" per year until maturity. Often planted on rocky, wooded slopes, and along streams.

Early leaves are silvery green and furry, changing to oval after flowering. Vivid red and gold fall foliage.

Delicate fragrant white five-petaled flower clusters with bright anthers bloom for about a week between late March and early May. Pendulous clusters of ¼" berries start to ripen in June, turning from green to red to purplish black. Can be eaten fresh or made into jam, jelly, or pie. Fruit is especially important for robins, flickers, and waxwings.

Protect from rabbits the first couple years. Can be susceptible to diseases and pests of roses, apples, including rust, powdery mildew, fire blight, Japanese beetles, sawfly, and scale.

