PLANT FACT SHEET

Aronia prunifolia (Schneid.) Graebn.

GENUS *Aronia* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple chokeberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fully ripe fruit can be eaten. They are used for jam, syrup, wine and juice.
The fruit can be dried for later use.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 3 m high. The leaves are simple and alternate. They are broadly sword shaped and have rounded teeth along the edge. The flowers are small and have 5 petals. The fruit are 8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in wet woods and swamps. It is cold hardy and can tolerate temperatures down to -25°C. It grows in acid soils.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings. Old stems can be cut back near the ground to encourage new growth.

Harvesting and Seed Production

The flower are produced in late summer and the fruit ripen in mid winter.

NOTES

There are 3 Aronia species.
The Plant List has "Aronia x prunifolia (Marshall) 8367+(pro so.)+" as an approved name.

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