PLANT FACT SHEET

Amelanchier lamarckii F. G. Schroed.

GENUS *Amelanchier* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Apple serviceberry, Lamarck serviceberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked. The berries can be used with pies, cakes, jams and jellies.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows to 6-12 m high and 4 m across. The bark is grey and smooth and develops narrow cracks. The leaves are broad. They are 7.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. Young leaves are copper red and silky. The leaves turn red or orange in autumn. The flowers are white and have 5 petals. They occur in drooping clusters. The fruit are purple-black and berry-like. The fruit are 10 mm across. The fruit are edible. This species does not produce suckers.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to Europe. It is naturalised in South England on sandy heaths and damp acid woods. It is hardy to cold to -25°C. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from seed, layering or suckers. Unless fresh seed are used, seed can take 18 months to germinate and layers can take 18 months to form roots.

NOTES

There are about 25-30 Amelanchier species.

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