PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Amelanchier asiatica* (Siebold. & Zucc.) Endl. ex Walp.

**GENUS** *Amelanchier* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Korean juneberry, Service Berry, Shad Bush

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or cooked.

## DESCRIPTION

A deciduous bush or small tree. It grows to 5-8 m high and spreads 3-10 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. The bark is grey-brown and becomes cracked with age. The leaves are oval and rounded at the base and pointed at the tip. They are 7.5 cm long by 4 cm wide. They turn red in autumn. The flowers are white and they have a smell. They are in upright spreading racemes which are 6 cm long. The fruit are black sweet berries. They are 1 cm across.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. Plants grow naturally in hilly and mountainous regions in China, Japan, and Korea. It is drought and frost resistant. Hobart Botanical Gardens. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seed should be frozen before planting. It can be grown from seed, layering or suckers. Seed can take 18 months to germinate and layers can take 18 months to form roots.

## NOTES

There are about 25-30 Amelanchier species.

## PICTURES



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