PLANT FACT SHEET

Amelanchier cusickii Fernald.

GENUS *Amelanchier* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Cusick's serviceberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

The fruit is eaten raw or cooked.
The leaves are a tea substitute.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub to 3 m high and 3 m wide. The flowers are large being 5 cm across. The fruit is 1 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows naturally on hillsides from near sea-level to the sub-alpine zone, mainly in the Rockies in Western North America. Plants are hardy to cold to at least - 20 °C.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

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.

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