PLANT FACT SHEET

Amelanchier canadensis (L.) Medik

GENUS *Amelanchier* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Downy shadblow, Canadian serviceberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are used in pies, puddings, and for juice and preserves.

DESCRIPTION

A large shrub. It develops runners. It grows 5-10 m tall and spreads 2 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are 3-8 cm long and have fine teeth along the edge. The leaves are woolly and turn crimson in autumn. The flowers have 5 white petals and the flowers occur in drooping clusters. The fruit are round green berries that turn red as they ripen. The fruit are 1-2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can grow on heavy clay soils. It can grow in hotter areas and has some drought resistance. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from ripened seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It starts cropping when young. It has good yields.

PICTURES



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