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CANADA SERVICEBERRY

Amelanchier canadensis

Also known as Shadbush. Small tree, or multi-trunked shrub, with delicate white flowers in the spring. Small red fruit and orange-red foliage in the fall.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Attracts large numbers of native bees, especially in early spring
- Fruit devoured by birds, squirrels, and chipmunks
- Important browse plant

Host to 117 caterpillar species, including: (common names) Eastern Tiger Swallowtail; Luna Moth; Red-Humped Caterpillar; Polyphemus Moth; Whitemarked Tussock Moth; Cecropia silkmoth; Small-eyed Sphinx; Interrupted Dagger Moth; Banded Purple

Benefits for People

- Edible fruit
- Beautiful native substitute for small ornamental trees; good option for street tree underneath power lines (due to size)
- The May blooms of this tree were a cue to Wabanaki that fish (such as alewives or “shad”) would be returning to coastal rivers

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Sun, part shade, shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist, but well-drained
<i>Height</i>	6–20’
<i>Width</i>	15–20’
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	April–May

Natural Habitat

- Wood borders, moist upland woods

