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SMOOTH SERVICEBERRY

Amelanchier laevis

Also known as Smooth Shadbush. A gorgeous flowering understory tree that's a great alternative to non-native ornamentals. The fruit is edible and the most palatable of all our native serviceberries.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Essential early nectar source for bees and butterflies
- Berries are a favorite of songbirds and mammals

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 Spinx; Interrupted Dagger Moth

Benefits for People

- Used by indigenous peoples to make pemmican, a high-energy cake made with dried fruits, meat, and fat, for energy while traveling. The bark has been used in herbal medicine.
- The sweet berries are delicious raw, in jams and jellies, or cooked into pies

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun, part sun, part shade, shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist, well-drained, acidic-neutral
<i>Height</i>	15-25'
<i>Width</i>	5-10'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May-June

Natural Habitat

- Woodland edges

