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# SMOOTH SERVICEBERRY

*Amelanchier laevis*

A gorgeous flowering understory tree that's a great alternative to non-native ornamentals. The fruit is edible and is the most palatable of all our native serviceberries. It's also a wildlife magnet, hosting more than 100 caterpillar species.

## Growing Information

Sunlight	Full sun, part sun, part shade, shade
Soil Type	Sand/loam/clay, moist, well-drained, acidic-neutral
Height	15'-25'
Flowering calendar	May-June

## Benefits for People

Food: 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.

## Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes, caterpillars
Flowers	Yes, early pollinators
Fruit	Yes, birds and mammals
Seeds	Yes

### Host to 117 caterpillar species

(common names) including: Eastern Tiger Swallowtail; Luna Moth; Red-Humped Caterpillar; Polyphemus Moth; Whitemarked Tussock Moth; Cecropia Silkmoth; Small-eyed Spinx; Interrupted Dagger Moth; Banded Purple

## Natural Habitat

Woodland edges

