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NATIVE WOODY PLANT OF THE YEAR



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Amelanchier laevis, Allegheny Serviceberry
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Amelanchier laevis

Common name: Allegheny Serviceberry

Hardiness: Zones 4–8

Light: Light shade to sun

Soil: Average to moist

Size: 15'–30' tall x 8'–20' wide; multi-stemmed

Foliage: Emerging new foliage is purple and turns dark green. Fall color is yellow to red. Deciduous.

Flowers: Delicate clusters of white flowers emerge just before or concurrently with the leaves.

Bloom Time in Tri-State Area: Late April

Wildlife Value: Flowers provide early season nectar and pollen for insects, followed by delicious pinkish-purple fruits in June for birds and small mammals. Larval host for several butterfly species.

Amelanchier laevis is one of the earliest small trees to bloom in spring, and its early summer fruits are favored by many bird species. It is easy to grow in many garden situations, but will be more vigorous in moist soils and will flower and fruit most prolifically in full sun.

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