



Project BudBurst

A National Phenology Network Field Campaign for Citizen Scientists



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Common Name: Eastern serviceberry, Eastern juneberry, shadow serviceberry, Canadian serviceberry

Scientific Name: *Amelanchier canadensis*

Plant Family: Rosaceae

Identifying Characteristics:

Size: A small understory tree or large multi-trunked shrub, 2 to 6 m (6 to 20 ft) tall, usually growing in clumps with many upright branches.

Leaves: Green leaves are simple and oval-shaped, with a fine-toothed edge.

Flowers: Showy blossoms are long-petaled, 2 to 3 cm (1 in) across, and white, and open before leaves emerge.

Bark: Smooth when young, ashy-gray with dark stripes; later becoming rough with long splits and furrows.

Habitat: Moist but well-drained soils in wood borders and moist upland woods

Bloom time: Mid-spring (April-May), depending on location

Information sources:

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Database (wildflower.utexas.edu/plants/result.php?id_plant=AMCA4)
Virginia Tech Forestry Department Dendrology Database (www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/DENDROLOGY/syllabus2/factsheet.cfm?ID=850)

Did you know? Serviceberries are subject to many disease and insect problems. Damage from these problems is usually cosmetic rather than life threatening. Also, it is an important browse and food plant for birds and other wildlife.



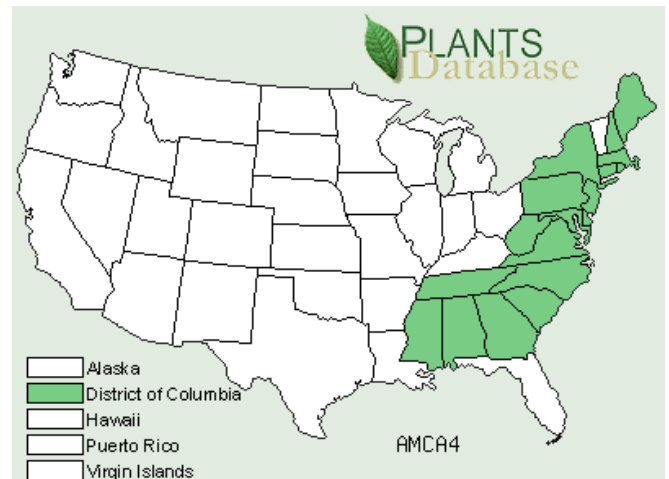
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Phenological observation:
Budburst/First Leaf, First Flower, Full Flower

Distribution Area:



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