

Plant '*Imagination*'



Amelanchier alnifolia 'Regent'

Family: Rosaceae, Zone 2-7

This serviceberry cultivar is a compact, deciduous, stoloniferous, early-flowering shrub which typically grows only 4-6' tall. Features small, 5-petaled, showy, slightly fragrant, white flowers (3/4" diameter) in clusters (racemes) which appear before the leaves emerge in early spring. Flowers give way to abundant, small, roundish, green berries which mature to a dark purple in early summer (typically July). Edible berries resemble blueberries in size and color and are often used in jams, jellies and pies. Finely toothed, rounded, dark green leaves change to variable shades of yellow and red in autumn. The species is commonly called Saskatoon serviceberry. It typically grows 10-18' tall and is sometimes grown commercially for fruit production.

It is easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerant of a somewhat wide range of soils. Root suckers are common, and if not removed, will result in a shrubby growth habit for the plant. Best in shrub borders, woodland gardens or naturalized areas, especially with dark or shaded backdrops which tend to highlight the form, flowers and fall color of the plant. Also effective along stream banks and ponds. It attracts Birds.