



Fast Facts!

Princess Diana Serviceberry

Amelanchier x grandiflora

In Princess Diana Bed

- *Amelanchier x grandiflora* is a hybrid cross between *A. arborea* (downy serviceberry) and *A. laevis* (Allegheny serviceberry).
- Serviceberry is also known as Juneberry, shadblow, shadbush, saskatoon (Native American name), and mountain blueberry in different parts of the United States. According to legend, the serviceberry tree was given its name in New England because it bloomed in April, when the spring thaw allowed the roads to become passable and rural residents could once again attend religious services. Flowers also appeared when shad migrated upstream from the ocean to spawn thus the name shadbush stuck.
- Flowers bloom in April followed by edible fruits in June. Berries resemble blueberries in taste and are used in jams, jellies, and pies. The purple pome-fruit (closely related to apples) are in a subfamily of the Rose family. Fruit is produced 2-3 years after planting.
- Noted for its yellow flower buds, abundant white flowers in spring, deep bluish-purple fruit, wide spreading branches and red fall color.
- Among the 35-bird species who love the berries are American goldfinch, tufted titmice, brown thrashers, blue jays, Carolina chickadees, Northern cardinals, American robins, cedar waxwings, mockingbirds, bluebirds and towhees. Deer are NOT attracted to the berries.
- Serviceberries cast light shade and their roots are not invasive so that other perennials can be planted under them.
- Good substitute for the non-native Bradford pear. This tree has a low canopy with a typical clearance of four feet; it can reach 20 feet tall with a spread of 15 feet and can be expected to live 40 years or more. What's not to love?
- Visit <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> and <https://plants.usda.gov/core/profile?symbol=AMELA> for more information.