



Serviceberry

Amelanchier alnifolia

Rose Family (*Rosaceae*)

General Description: Small tree or shrub, 20 to 40 ft; often has multiple trunks and grows in thickets.

Key Characteristics: Leaf scars are narrow, buds are on spur shoots or directly attached to the stem; sharp and slender, buds often curve around stem. Several loose outer bud scales are lightly hairy. Remnant fruits are dried, black, and apple shaped.

Confused With: Indian plum, crabapple, and bitter cherry, all *Rosaceae*. Note leaf-scar shape, twig color, and bud shape.

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