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Red Chokeberry

Aronia arbutifolia



Red Chokeberry in fall
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Red Chokeberry flowers
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Height: 7 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A fantastic shrub for massing or grouping, spreads by suckers; extremely showy red fruit follow beautiful white flowers in spring, brilliant scarlet fall colors; good for wet locations

Ornamental Features

Red Chokeberry features showy panicles of white flowers with brick red anthers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. It produces red berries from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Red Chokeberry is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Red Chokeberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- *Mass Planting*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens*

Planting & Growing

Red Chokeberry will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.



Red Chokeberry fruit
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