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*Amelanchier laevis*

[Synonyms : *Amelanchier arborea* var. *cordifolia*, *Amelanchier arborea* var. *laevis*, *Amelanchier canadensis*, *Amelanchier canadensis* var. *subintegra*, *Amelanchier confusa*, *Amelanchier grandiflora*, *Amelanchier laevis* var. *nitida*, *Amelanchier lucida*, *Mespilus canadensis*]

**ALLEGHENY SERVICEBERRY** is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to central and eastern North America it has small white flowers and leaves that turn scarlet and red in Autumn. It is also known as Bloody choakberry, Canadian serviceberry, Juneberry, *Kahle Felsenbirne* (German), *Kal häggmispel* (Swedish), *Kopparhäggmispel* (Swedish), *Krenteboompje* (Dutch), *Muchovník hladký* (Czech), *Muchovník holý* (Slovak), *Muchovník lysý* (Czech), Saskatoon, Serviceberry, Shadberry, Shadblow, Shadbush, *Siro tuomipihlaja* (Finnish), Smooth serviceberry, Snowy mespil, and Wild pear.

The flowers are pollinated by bees. Some authorities express the view that of all the *Amelanchier* species this one has the sweetest and most succulent fruit consistently. *Laevis* is derived from Latin *levis* (smooth) meaning 'smooth or polished'.

Chippewa North American Indians and the Cherokee both enjoyed the thickly white-frosted, dark purple to black berries fresh as food, and the former together with the Menominee dried the fruit for eating in Winter.

A bark infusion was prescribed by the Chippewa tribe for some problems experienced by expectant mothers.

The fruit are enjoyed by birds.

The hard strong wood has been used to make tool handles.