

Black Chokeberry

Aronia melanocarpa



- **Plant Characteristics:** This is a long lived strongly arching and multi-stemmed shrub. Forms large colonies and spreads. Member of the rose family
- **Size:** Height: 3 ft. to 8 ft.
Width: 8 ft.
- **Foliage:** Leaves are lustrous dark green above with dark glands on the midrib. The lower surface is light green. Fall color wine red
- **Flower:** Whitish pink flowers borne in loose clusters of up to 8. Flowers open in mid-May and are 2" wide.
- **Fruit:** Purplish black, 1/3 to 1/2" diameter, persistent into the winter.
- **Soil:** Prefers moist, well drained, acidic soils with average rich quality.
- **Tolerances:** Tolerant to drought, mine spoils, alkaline soils, soil compaction, pollution, insect and disease and salt.
- **USDA Hardiness :** zone 3–8
- **Light Range:** Full Sun to part shade
- **pH:** 5.0–6.5 pH
- **Other:**
 - Fibrous root system does a good job holding soil .
 - Songbirds and upland game birds enjoy the astringent taste of fruit in winter.
 - Good shrub for wetland reclamation
 - Used for windbreaks and wildlife cover.
 - Excellent soil gripping capacity, rapid establishment, fall foliage colors and winter