**Aronia arbutifolia**
Red chokeberry

**Characteristics:** Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

**Appearance:**
- **Height** - 6 to 12 ft.
- **Aerial Spread** - 3 to 6 ft.
- **Flower Color** - White
- **Flowering Period** - Mid through late May
- **Fruit Color** - Red
- **Fruiting Period** - Early September through mid December

**Habitat (Community):** Forested seasonal wetlands, swamps, low wood shrub bogs, sometimes in upland soils, swamp and bog edges, clearings, moist soils especially along streams

**Hydrology:**
- **Indicator status** - Facultative wetland
- **Salinity** - Resistant, tolerates infrequent flooding by water containing some salt
- **Non-Tidal Regime** - Irregularly to seasonally inundated or saturated

**Wildlife Benefits:** *(Fruit)* food for bobwhite, brown thrasher, cedar waxwing, and eastern meadowlark. Also serves as emergency food in winter for many species.

**Distribution:** Nova Scotia to Michigan south to New England, Florida, and Texas