

# *Aronia arbutifolia* Red chokeberry



**Summer Foliage**



**Fall Fruit**

**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