

# URBAN TREES

## SASKATOON

*Amelanchier alnifolia*



<b>MATURE HEIGHT</b>	12 to 15 feet (4 to 5 metres)
<b>MATURE SPREAD</b>	6 feet (2 metres)
<b>LIFESPAN</b>	<b>20-25 years</b>
<b>GROWTH RATE</b>	Medium
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Full Sun to Part Shade</b>
<b>HARDINESS ZONES</b>	<b>3 to 6</b> (varies according to cultivar)
<b>WATER REQUIREMENTS</b>	Low
<b>SOIL TYPE</b>	Prefers well-drained soil Not particular to soil type or pH
<b>FIRE SMART</b>	Yes
<b>POLLUTION TOLERANT</b>	Somewhat
<b>USEAGE</b>	Accent for smaller home landscape; edible garden

### PROS

- Ornamental and edible. **Extremely hardy** with beautiful white flowers in early spring and berries in June. Attract pollinators and birds.  
‘Northline’ and ‘Thiessen’ cultivars have excellent berries for eating.

### CONS

- Can **sucker** and can become shaggy if not pruned.

### Resources

Okanagan Xeriscape Plant Database – [okanaganxeriscape.ca](http://okanaganxeriscape.ca)  
Saskatoon Berry Production Manual. Government of Alberta  
Wiki commons – Walter Siegmund

