

Glossy Black Chokeberry

Aronia melonocarpa



Fall



Flower

General Attributes

Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	3 - 6 Feet
Spread	3 - 6 Feet
Form	Rounded
Utility Lines	Compatible
Growth Rate	Slow
Life Expectancy	Short
USDA Zone	3 - 7
Root Pattern	

Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring
Fruit	Pome
Fruit Color	Black
Fruit Season	Fall
Summer Texture	Medium
Winter Texture	Medium
Spring Foliage	Green
Summer Foliage	Green
Fall Foliage	Red
Winter Foliage	Not Applicable

Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun, Partial Sun
Orientation	North, South, East, West
Soil Texture	Sand to Clay
Topography	Upland, Lowland (Flood Prone), Lowland (Stable Water)
Plant Community	Bog, Dune, Open Cliff, Old Field, Shaded Cliff, Grassland
Succession	Pioneer
Origin	MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, Minnesota, North America

Soils

Salt Spray Tolerance	Tolerant
Soil Salt Tolerance	
Compaction Tolerance	Tolerant
Water Table	6 Inches
Drainage	Poor, Excessive, Moderate
Flood Tolerance	
Drought Tolerance	Tolerant
Moisture Regime	Dry, Moist, Wet
pH	5.0 through 6.5
Windbreak Group	

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Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot	Easy
Fall Bareroot	Difficult
Spring Container	Easy
Fall Container	Easy
Spring Seed	
Fall Seed	

Maintenance

Formal	Moderate
Informal	Low
2,4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
Dicamba Tolerance	Sensitive
Picloram Tolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	
Sulfur Dioxide	
Ozone Tolerance	
Hydrogen Flouride	
Nitrogen Oxide	

Pests/Problems

Allergens	
Invasiveness	Non-Invasive
Toxicity	
Cold Injury	Not Susceptible
Storm Damage	Not Susceptible
Biological Control	
Mechanical Control	
Chemical Control	

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	High
Insect Concerns	Minor
Disease Concern	Minor
Wildlife Concerns	

Comments

Listed in the Minnesota Horticulturist, 'The Top Ten-Plus-One Shrubs for Minnesota'. 'Glabrous leaves and stems. Tends to sucker profusely forming large colonies. Only 'elata' readily available in nurseries.'



Dormant



Fruit