

## Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name:

*Aronia arbutifolia*  
(syn.) *Photinia pyrifolia*

Common Name: *Red Chokeberry*

Physical Description:

Growth Type: *Photinia pyrifolia* is a deciduous shrub that usually grows from 6 to 10 feet in height and 3 to 5 feet in width. It can be grown in partial or full sun and in dry or wet sites.



Leaves: The leaves grow in an alternate pattern and are similar in shape to "Burning Bush" (*Euonymus alatus*) as both have serrated edges. They are 1 ½ - 3 ½ inches in length and ½ - ¾ inches in width. The surface of the leaves is shiny and green, turning bright red to purple-red in the fall or orange-red if it is grown in the shade. The undersurface of the leaves are fuzzy and tinted grey.

Flowers: The shrub has white 5-petaled flowers that are clustered together and bloom in May, lasting for approximately a week.

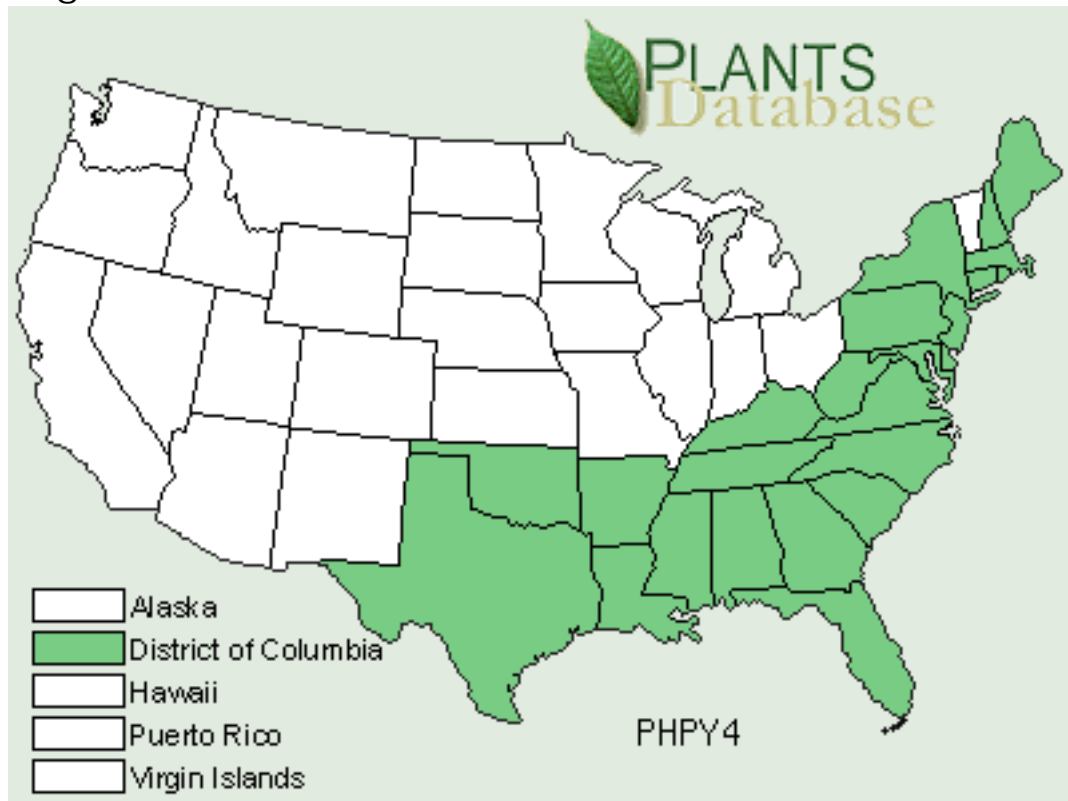


Fruit: The red fruit is small and forms in clusters. It remains on the plant after the leaves have dropped available from September until December.



Bark: *Brown in color.*

Coverage Area:



Sources:

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=PHPY4>

<http://www.hort.uconn.edu/plants/a/aroarb/aroarb1.html>