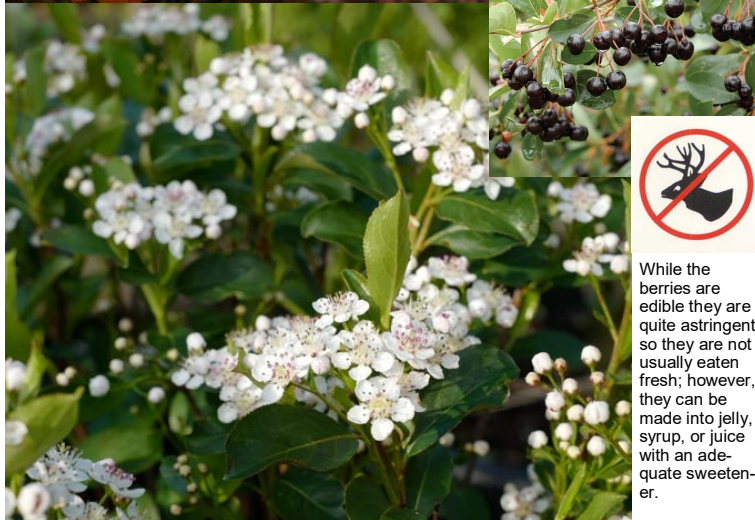


Autumn Magic Chokeberry



While the berries are edible they are quite astringent so they are not usually eaten fresh; however, they can be made into jelly, syrup, or juice with an adequate sweetener.



Aronia melanocarpa 'Autumn Magic'

- **Use:** Sometimes a workhorse gets a bad rap, but this selection of black chokecherry provides year-round interest and a durable demeanor. along with fiery red and dusky purple coloring to the foliage. 'Autumn Magic' is more compact growing than the average species of Aronia and the fruit is a touch larger than the norm.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part sun, but will take sun (in shade will not be dense). Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry to start. Little water needed once established.
- **Growth:** Grows 3' tall and 4' wide. If you wish to prune, the best time is immediately after it blooms. However, be aware that this will remove the potential for any fruit to form.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Foliage is glossy and deep green in summer, with red and orange fall coloration.
- **Flower:** White hawthorn-like flowers are produced in abundance during spring followed by dark purple-black berries in autumn. The berries are high in nutrients and can be used for juice, pies and jellies or to provide food for birds and other wildlife. They are usually a last choice for feeding by birds, but they last into winter and provide sustenance when all the tastier fruits are long gone.

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