**Plant Characteristics:** This small suckering tree or large shrub is native throughout North Dakota. The largest tree form in North Dakota is 41 feet.

**Size:**  
- Height: 12—25 feet  
- Width: 10—20 feet

**Foliage:** Dark green above and lighter green below, and turns yellow in the fall. Is 1 1/2 to 3 inches in length and 3/4 to 1 1/2 wide.

**Flower:** White are 1/3 to 2/5” across and blooming in late April to May on 3 – 6” racemes.

**Fruit:** Red turning to a dark purple, 1/3” across.

**Soil:** Adapted to a wide variety of soils.

**Tolerances:** Shade

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2

**Light Range:** Shade tolerant, but needs full sun to produce a good fruit crop.

**pH Range:** 5.0—8.0 pH

**Other:**
- Fruits have been used for making jams, jellies, pies, sauces and wine.
- Used for windbreaks.
- Wildlife— one of the most important plants for food and cover.
- Common disease is black knot.
- Suckers