# Viking Chokeberry

***Aronia x prunifolia 'Viking'***

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3a

**Description:**

A compact shrub with glossy dark green leaves, showy white flowers in spring, large black berries, and good red fall color; suckers; a great choice for massing or grouping

**Ornamental Features**

Viking Chokeberry features showy panicles of white flowers with brick red anthers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It features an abundance of magnificent black berries from late summer to late winter. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Viking Chokeberry is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Viking Chokeberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



*Viking Chokeberry fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

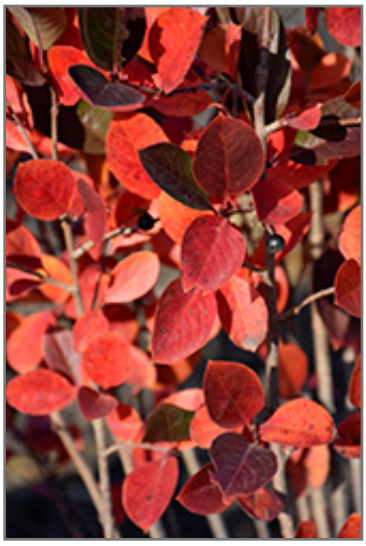


*Viking Chokeberry flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Planting & Growing**

Viking Chokeberry will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



*Viking Chokeberry in fall*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*