

SASKATOONS – *Amelanchier alnifolia*

VARIETY	FRUIT ATTRIBUTES	PLANT CHARACTERISTICS	MATURE HEIGHT	PRODUCTIVITY	HARVEST	SUCKERING
HONEYWOOD	16 mm berries with 9-15 berries per cluster. Deep blue when ripe. Full tangy flavor.	Blooms a few days later than other varieties—helps to avoid spring frost damage. Possibly resistant to powdery mildew. Saskatchewan selection.	2.5m (8 ft) Upright and spreading.	Very productive. Produces fruit earlier than other selections.	Fruit ripens somewhat unevenly. Matures later.	Low
JB30 <small>*exclusive to PPS*</small>	15mm berries. Deep blue when ripe. Exceptional flavor.	Average bloom time. Highest shoot growth (21.4 cm). Saskatchewan selection.	3m (10 ft) Upright and spreading.	Consistently high production.	Very uniform ripening within cluster.	Low
MARTIN	14mm berries. Deep blue when ripe. Exceptional flavor.	Average bloom time. Thiessen parentage. Saskatchewan selection.	3m (10 ft) Round bush.	Consistently high production.	Very uniform ripening within cluster.	Moderate
THIESSEN	17mm berries with 6-12 berries per cluster. Deep blue when ripe. Exceptional flavor.	Blooms earlier than other varieties making it more susceptible to spring frost damage. Fruit favored among fruit processors. Saskatchewan selection.	4m (14 ft) Upright, oval shape.	High productivity.	Ripens somewhat unevenly resulting in a longer harvest. Ideal for UPick.	Moderate
SMOKY	14mm berries with 7-11 berries per cluster. Sweetest cultivar. Good, mild flavor.	Flowers in the middle of bloom period. Usually avoids spring frosts. Very common variety. Quickly forms a hedge. Northern Alberta selection.	2-2.5m (6-8 ft) Upright and spreading.	Consistently high pollination rate resulting in food production.	Very uniform ripening within cluster.	High



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