

Aronia

Aronia melanocarpa

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

3–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun To Partial Shade

HEIGHT

3–6 ft

ORIGIN

North American native

AT A GLANCE

Black chokeberry (*A. melanocarpa*) is one of the most carefree fruiting shrubs you can grow -- it tolerates wet soils, poor soils, partial shade, cold, and heat with minimal fuss. The raw berries are extremely astringent and best processed into juice, syrup, or fermented products. Yields are high once established.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/aronia-care/>