

Soap Berry



The plant is a deciduous shrub found in open forests and thickets all over North America. Its northern limit is around the Arctic Circle. The shrub reaches a height of 1-4 m (3-13 feet).

The common name of the plant in British Columbia is soopolallie, a word deriving from the historic Chinook Jargon trading language used in the North American Pacific Northwest in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The name is a composite of the Chinook words for soap (soop) and berry (olallie).

Shepherdia canadensis

Stock category

Shrubs

Stock subcategory

Native

Xeriscape

Characteristics

Average height

5 ft

Average width

4 ft

Bloom colour

Yellow

Bloom months

April

Foliage colour

Green

Soil needs

Soil Moisture: Dry , Moist

Soil pH: Alkaline (pH>7.2)

CaCO₃ Tolerance: High

Soil Description: Adaptable, but prefers moist, rocky soils.

Conditions Comments: Tolerates the poorest of soils; does well in dry or alkaline situations. Low maintenance. Extremely cold- and drought-tolerant. For fruit set both male and female plants are required.

Sun zone

Medium sun

Water zone

Medium water