

# NATIVE SHRUBS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Shrubs are woody plants that are usually multi-stemmed and short in stature. At maturity they are generally not taller than 7.5 metres. Native shrubs have adapted to our climate, making them resilient and able to grow in a variety of habitats. Many shrubs are of great value to wildlife for food and shelter and play a vital role in the overall health of an ecosystem.

Native shrubs in Charlottetown include species such as: Bayberry, red osier dogwood, choke cherry, serviceberry, willows, rose species and more.



**Serviceberry**  
*Amelanchier sp.*



**Bayberry**  
*Myrica sp.*

## HOW ARE NATIVE SHRUBS USEFUL?

By creating hedgerows and windbreaks, shrubs can collect silt from runoff and provide shelter to birds and other animals.

They grow well along streams where they manage soil erosion and prevent silt from washing into the stream.

They enhance fish habitat by providing shade and cover, which also helps to regulate the water temperature.

They enhance wildlife habitat by providing food sources, shelter and nesting sites.

They can boost soil quality due to the high nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium levels found in their decomposing leaves. This organic matter helps with the retention of moisture and nutrients.



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**Red-Osier Dogwood**  
*Cornus stolonifera*



**Choke Cherry**  
*Prunus virginiana*



**Witch Hazel**  
*Hamamelis virginiana*



**Common Elder**  
*Sambucus canadensis*

