

AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY

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Features:

Beautiful lime green foliage, especially in early fall. Abundance of magnificent lavender berries line the nodes in summer and fall.

Siting:

In a shady or lightly sunny spot that allows enough room for it to grow with minimal pruning. Great for catching the eye!¹⁹

Care:

Plant so root flare is visible at soil surface¹⁴. At planting, water the root ball daily with two gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter for two weeks, every other day for two months and then weekly until established. Modify water recommendations to reflect site drainage and rainfall. Apply 3" of mulch over the planted area. Do not allow mulch to touch the trunk¹⁴.

Pests:

Plants are relatively pest resistant if cultural preferences are met¹².



Image source: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflies/plants/beautyberry.htm>

Latin name: <i>Callicarpa americana</i> ¹⁹	Texture: Medium ¹⁶
Common name: American beautyberry ¹⁹	Growth rate: Moderate ¹⁶
Flowers: Not showy ¹⁰	Light: Full sun to part shade ¹²
Fruit or cones: Abundance of lavender berries in June to August ¹²	Moisture: Medium ¹²
Height & Width: 3-6 feet tall and wide ¹²	Soil*: pH 4.8-7.0 ¹⁶ , moist/rich soils ¹²
Type: Deciduous shrub ¹²	Zones: 6-10 ¹²
Habit: Upright, multi-trunked stem ¹⁹	Origin: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA ¹⁶
Wetland indicator category**: FACU ¹⁷	Ecosystem benefits: Berries for wildlife ¹⁰

(Numbers identify sources listed on attached document)

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