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!

Care:
Plant so root flare is visible at soil surface. 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 trunk.

Pests:
Plants are relatively pest resistant if cultural preferences are met.

Image source: http://www.fimnh.ufl.edu/butterflies/plants/beautyberry.htm

Latin name: *Callicarpa americana*
Texture: Medium

Common name: American beautyberry
Growth rate: Moderate

Flowers: Not showy
Light: Full sun to part shade

Fruit or cones: Abundance of lavender berries in June to August
Moisture: Medium

Height & Width: 3-6 feet tall and wide
Soil*: pH 4.8-7.0, moist/rich soils

Type: Deciduous shrub
Zones: 6-10

Habit: Upright, multi-trunked stem
Origin: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA

Wetland indicator category**: FACU
Ecosystem benefits: Berries for wildlife

(Numbers identify sources listed on attached document)

Sources:
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