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### Silver Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)

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#### Distribution

Silver Buffaloberry also known as Bull berry is native to central North America from Southern Canada to California, but most commonly found east of the Cascade Mountain Range.

#### Growth Habit

It is a deciduous shrub that grows 3 to 9 feet tall, with a similar spread. The green oval leaves have fine silky, silver hairs. Yellow flowers transform into bright red edible but bitter berries.

#### Adaptability

Silver Buffaloberry is found in a wide variety of sites throughout its range. It grows in open, sunny sites, or as an understory species in Lodgepole Pine forests. It is used along streams, lakes and bogs, as well as upland and rocky sites.

#### Comments

- Silver Buffaloberry has long been used as a restoration species.
- Its matting root system makes it useful in stream-side stabilization.
- It provides forage and habitat for many species of birds and animals. The leaves are browsed upon by large animals, porcupines, and beavers.
- The dried fruits are an important food source for many birds and mammals in winter.

