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NATIVE PRAIRIE PLANTS

-Shrub/Tree-

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Chokecherry

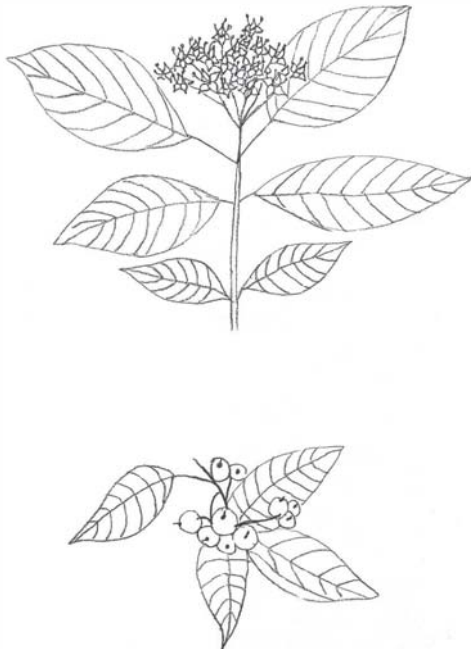
- Small white flowers grow in bunches.
- Each flower has 5 petals.
- Leaves are oval and dark green on top, light green on bottom, with a small saw-like edge.
- Grows up to 6 metres tall.
- Grows in moist areas.
- Berries are dark reddish purple.
- Wildlife and people eat the berries.
- Jam, jelly and syrup can be made from the berries.

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Red-osier Dogwood

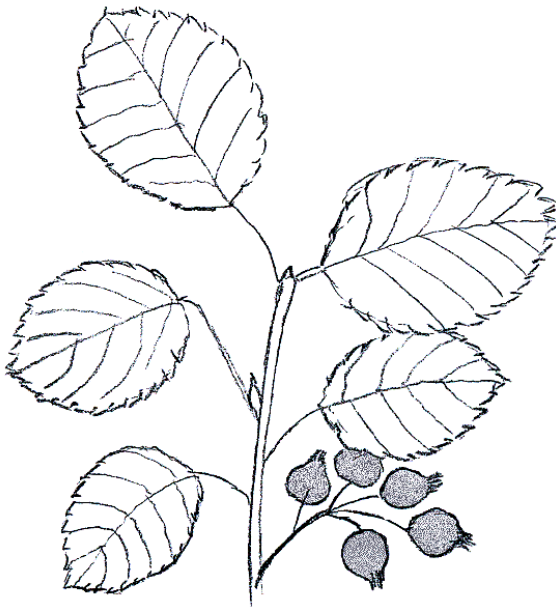
- Small white flowers grow in bunches.
- Woody stems are red.
- Leaves are green, round at the bottom with a point.
- Has white, waxy berries in the fall.
- Grows 1 to 2 metres tall.
- Grows in wet areas.
- Called *deer candy* because animals love to eat it.
- Used by First Nations people as a medicine plant.

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Saskatoon

- White flowers grow in small bunches.
- Leaves are roundish with a saw-like edge.
- Grows 2-3 metres tall.
- Grows in moist areas, often in valleys.
- Berries and leaves are food for livestock and wildlife.
- Jam, jelly and syrup can be made from the dark blue berries.
- Aboriginal people used these berries in making pemmican.

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Wolfwillow (silverwillow)

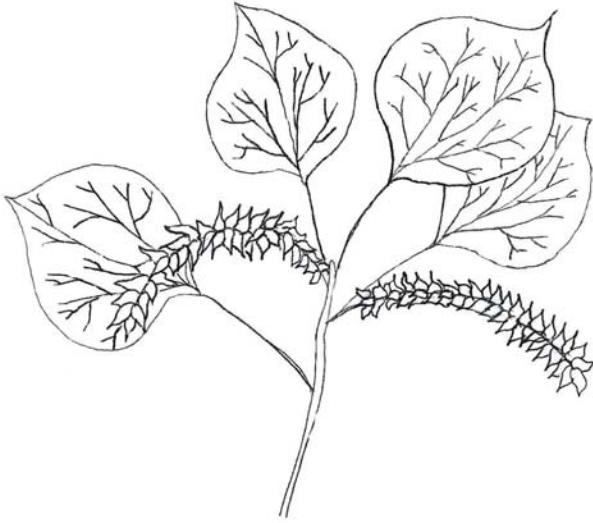
- Flowers are small and yellow, with a strong scent.
- Berries are grey with striped seeds.
- Leaves are silver grey and rough on both sides.
- Roots store nitrogen in the soil.
- Grows 2 to 5 metres tall.
- Grows in drier, sandy soils.
- It is spreading into the native prairie.

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Trembling Aspen

- Bark is whitish-grey.
- Leaves are heart-shaped and shiny green.
- Leaves turn yellow in the fall.
- Leaves look like they are shaking all the time.
- Grows up to 30 metres tall.
- Grows in moist areas and in valleys.
- Many trees grow together in clumps.
- Beavers like to use Aspen to make their lodges (homes).