## Low Scape Mound® Aronia

***Aronia melanocarpa 'UCONNAM165'***

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Chokeberry

Group/Class: Color Choice

**Description:**

A compact, low mounded variety with glossy dark green leaves, and showy white flowers in spring; a great choice for edging and groundcover; brilliant red foliage in fall to contrast the dark purple-black fruit; very adaptable

**Ornamental Features**

Low Scape Mound Aronia features showy panicles of white flowers with brick red anthers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It features an abundance of magnificent black berries from late summer to mid fall. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Low Scape Mound Aronia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



*Low Scape Mound Aronia in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Low Scape Mound Aronia flowers*
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This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Low Scape Mound Aronia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



*Low Scape Mound Aronia in fall*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Planting & Growing**

Low Scape Mound Aronia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Low Scape Mound Aronia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.