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SILVER BUFFALOBERRY

- Common Name:** Silver Buffaloberry, Soopolallie, Soapberry
- Scientific Name:** *Shepherdia argentia*
- Distribution:** Silver Buffaloberry is found east of the Cascade Mountains in Washington at low to mid-elevations.
- Growth Habit:** Silver Buffaloberry grows 3 to 4 feet tall, with a similar spread.
- 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.