

Get to know the Serviceberry trees!

Fun Facts:

- *The berries on the Serviceberry are tasty! They become ripe in the late summer.*
- *Birds, bears, squirrels, chipmunks, and some other animals love to eat these berries.*
- *Animals like these berries so much that they eat them all before people can get to them to make them into jams or pies!*
- *Moose and Deer like to eat the branches of the Serviceberry.*
- *Serviceberry trees are part of the rose family. They have beautiful flowers that blossom in the spring, but they don't last long.*



Activity:

- With the child, sit down at a table outside of Café Cheray.
- Read the child Shel Silverstein's The Giving Tree.
- After reading the book, ask the child to draw a picture of him or herself with one of the Serviceberry trees.
- Discuss with the child the importance of trees.

Possible Questions-

- *What do trees give to people?
- *What do trees give to animals?
- *Is it okay to cut down trees like the boy did in the book?
- *What makes the Serviceberry tree special?
(Use fun facts)
- *What can it give to people and animals?

Materials:

- The Giving Tree by, Shel Silverstein

- Unlined paper
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils