

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina

Adaptability: Full sun to part shade

Shape: Narrow-columnar to rounded crown

Size: 50-80' tall, 30-60' wide

Flower/Fall: Profuse fragrant, white flowers; yellow to rose fall foliage; fruits are bitter and inedible fresh off the tree but can be used to make jams and jellies.

Wildlife Value: Deer resistant, attracts pollinators and birds. Larval host plant for butterflies. Fruit eaten by song-birds, wild turkeys, quail and other small mammals.

Description: **If ingested, bark, roots and leaves are poisonous to humans and pets.** Tree can be pruned and kept at shrub size by cutting them to the ground every 2-3 years. Wood is valued for furniture, gun stocks, tool handles and musical instruments.

