

# Northern Bayberry

This native shrub makes a great informal hedge. Bayberry has a high wildlife value. Many species of birds depend on the fruit for food and use the shrub for shelter. It is a larval host for the Columbia Silkmoth and Cecropia Moth. The fruit is edible and along with the leaves can be used as a flavouring. The root bark and leaves have medicinal properties. The fruit can be used to make aromatic candles and soap. You can also derive a green dye from the leaves. This shrub fixes atmospheric nitrogen that can be used by neighboring plants.



## *Morella pensylvanica*

**NATIVE TO EASTERN  
UNITED STATES**

- Hardiness: Zone 3-6
- Size: 5-12', great variation, tends to sucker
- Habit: Semi-evergreen, upright-rounded, dense, forms colonies. Medium growth rate
- Fruit: Small grayish white drupe
- Culture: Full sun to part shade. Tolerant of almost any soil type. Salt tolerant. Fixes atmospheric nitrogen.
- Uses: Massing, border, informal hedge, blends well with evergreens, poor soils, high wildlife value, birds, butterflies, shelter, edible, medicinal, candles, soaps, dye