

Black Cherry



This native tree has many useful qualities. It is a host plant for the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Cherry Gall Azure, Viceroy, Columbia Silkmoth, Promethea Moth, Small Eyed Sphinx Moth, Wild Cherry Sphinx Moth, Banded Tussock Moth, Band-Edged Prominent and Spotted Apateloides. It is a food source for over 33 species of birds and mammals as well as a nectar source for many insects. The fruit is edible and useful in jellies, jams, pies and as a flavoring. This tree has a long history of medicinal use. A dye can be made from parts of this plant and the wood is valuable for furniture.

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UNITED STATES**

Prunus serotina

- Hardiness: Zone 3-9
- Size: 50-60' x 25-40'
- Habit: Pyramidal in youth to oval-headed when mature. Medium to fast growth rate.
- Flower: White blooms in May
- Culture: Prefers moist, deep, fertile soils. Tolerates dry, gravelly or sandy soils. Full sun
- Uses: Very high wildlife value, showy flower, fragrant, pioneer species, birds, butterflies, bees, nectar source, valuable timber, edible, medicinal, dye,