- **Plant Characteristics**: A deciduous tree, oval crown, dense, pendulous branches.

- **Habitat**: Native to Canada down through the eastern part of the United States.

- **Size**: Height: 60-90 ft.
  
  Width: 35—50 ft

- **Foliage**: Ovate leaf shape, 2 -- 5” long, lustrous medium to dark green above, light green beneath leaf, yellow or orange fall color.

- **Flower**: White, fragrant, blooms in May, borne in pendulous racemes, 4” to 6” long.

- **Fruit**: Rounded purplish drupe, 0.33” in diameter, edible, matures in August and September.

- **Bark**: Brown slender stems, gray-brown bark colors, scaly trunk.

- **Soil**: Prefers deep, moist, fertile soil, clay; loam; sand; acidic; occasionally wet; alkaline; well-drained

- **Tolerances**: Salt and drought tolerant

- **USDA Hardiness Zone**: Zone 3

- **Light Range**: Full sun to part shade

- **Pest resistance**: Long-term health usually not affected by pests.

- **Other**:
  - Foliage is poisonous.
  - Many birds and mammals eat Black Cherry fruit.
  - Used in windbreaks.
  - Root system is spreading and shallow.

**Black Cherry**
*Prunus serotina*