

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina



- **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.