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BLACK CHERRY

Prunus serotina

One of the largest of the cherry trees! Has a beautiful spring bloom and attractive fall foliage. Fruit is very attractive to wildlife.

Growing Information

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| Sunlight | Full sun to part shade |
| Soil Type | Moist or dry |
| Height | 50–100', depending on variety |
| Flowering calendar | April to May |

Benefits for Wildlife

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| Leaves | Yes |
| Flowers | Yes |
| Fruit | Yes |
| Seeds | Yes |

Host to 421 caterpillar species, including: (common names) Coral Hairstreak; Clymene Moth; White Furcula; Hummingbird Clearwing; "Chokecherry"; Elm Sphinx; Large Lace-Border; Interrupted Dagger Moth

Benefits for People

- Can be harvested for wood and fruit that is edible (once processed); common products are syrup, jelly, and wine
- All other parts of the tree are toxic but some parts have been used medicinally by Wabanaki peoples

Natural Habitat

- Woodlands, floodplains, open woods, open fields

