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NORTHERN BAYBERRY

Myrica pensylvanica, also *Morella pensylvanica*, *Morella caroliniensis*

Gorgeous, full, large shrub with waxy, fragrant leaves and beneficial berries that persist into winter. Salt, drought, and pest resistant.

Growing Information

Sunlight	Full to part sun
Soil Type	Dry to moist
Height	5–10'
Flowering calendar	Catkins appear before leaves in spring

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes
Flowers	Yes
Fruit	Yes

Seeds

Host to **70 caterpillar species, including:**
(common names) Laurel Sphinx; Apple Sphinx; Promethea Silkmoth; Luna Moth; Spiny Oak-Slug Moth; Red-Humped Caterpillar; Imperial Moth; Polyphemus Moth

Benefits for People

- Fragrant, interesting foliage, whitish berries remain into winter, very resilient species

Natural Habitat

- Sunny ledges and openings

