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NORTHERN SPICEBUSH

Lindera benzoin

Large shrub, often multi-trunked, that produces beautiful flowers, fruit, and fall foliage. Very good yellow fall color.

Species is listed as Species of Concern in Maine.

Growing Information

Sunlight Sun to shade
Soil Type Best in moist well-drained, adapts to dry
Height 6–12'
Flowering calendar April

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes
Flowers Yes
Fruit Yes

Seeds

Host to 3 caterpillar species:
(common names) Spicebush Swallowtail;
Promethea silkmoth; Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Benefits for People

- Beautiful small flowering tree

Natural Habitat

- Forested wetlands and stream banks

