



Bigleaf Snowbell

Styrax grandifolius

The Snowbell (Storax) Family (Styracaceae)

Basic Description: Small, round crowned tree with alternate, deciduous, large, oval leaves; smooth, dark gray bark; white, fragrant bell-shaped flowers and small, brown nutlet.

Interesting Facts: Common name refers to its larger leaves compared to American Snowbell (*Styrax americanus*). Bark yields storax, a resin used in incense and perfumes. Wood ducks eat the fruit.

Flower: Showy, bell-shaped white flowers, .75 to 1", with five petals, in drooping clusters, blooming in spring.

Fruit: Orange-brown, round capsule, .375" long, in racemes, maturing in late summer.

Wildlife Value: Flowers provide pollen to bees and other pollinators; foliage and seeds are a food source for mammals and seed-eating birds; produces limited cover for small mammals and birds.

Habitat: Moist or wet soils of valleys and uplands; in understory of hardwood forests.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

INSECT



WILDLIFE VALUE

LOW

