



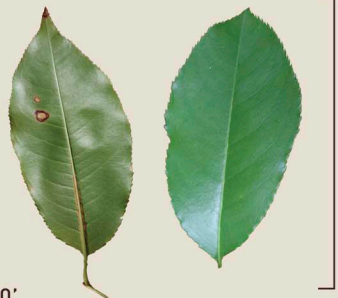
Flowers



Fruit



Height range 30-100'



2-5"

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina

The Rose Family (Rosaceae)

Basic Description: Leaves are alternate, deciduous with a lustrous dark green upper surface and red fuzzy hairs along the petiole underneath. The gray, white or red-brown bark is smooth with numerous short, narrow, horizontal slits when young; becomes very dark (nearly black) and blocky when mature.

Interesting Facts: All parts of this tree, except fruit without its seed, contain a chemical which is poisonous. Fruit can be made into jams, jellies and wine. Crushed leaf has an almond scent. Wood is sought out by furniture makers because of rich orange-brown color.

Flower: Small white flowers with a fishy fragrance in hanging, narrow spikes 4 to 6" long appear in late spring.

Fruit: .3" diameter round fruit is dark purple, almost black when ripe, with a bitter-sweet taste; matures in late summer.

Wildlife Value: Many birds and mammals eat Black Cherry fruit. Deer and rabbit browse foliage and stems. Flowers produce much nectar and some pollen for bees.

Habitat: A variety of habitats except wet or very dry.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

INSECT



WILDLIFE VALUE

MEDIUM

