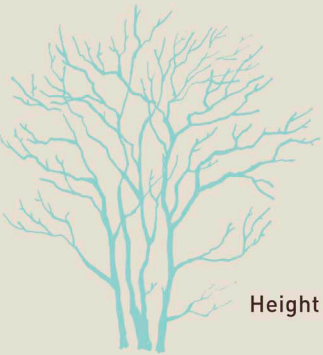


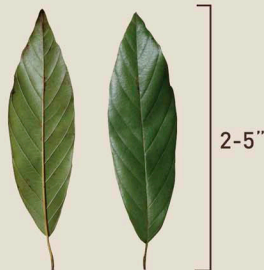
Fruit



Flowers



Height range 12-15'



# Indian Cherry

## *Frangula caroliniana*

### The Buckthorn Family (Rhamnaceae)

**Basic Description:** Indian Cherry, also known as Carolina Buckthorn, is a small tree with alternate, deciduous leaves, grayish-brown blotchy bark, small yellow-green flowers and small red drupes.

**Interesting Facts:** Though it is part of the Buckthorn family, the Indian Cherry rarely has thorns. Teas from the bark have been used for its laxative effects and the fruit can be eaten raw or cooked, but with caution, it may be toxic.

**Flower:** Small, pale, yellow-green, bell-shaped, appearing at the base of the leaves in late spring.

**Fruit:** .3" in diameter, red to black, round drupe that ripens in late summer.

**Wildlife Value:** Serves as a host for the Snout butterfly; songbirds and other wildlife consume the berries.

**Habitat:** Bottomlands, stream banks, woods.

#### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



#### POLLINATOR

INSECTS



#### WILDLIFE VALUE

LOW

