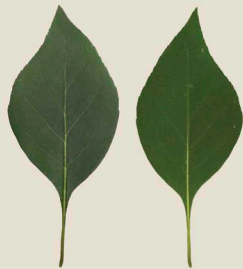




Male Flowers



Height range 10-30'



2-4.5"

Swamp Privet

Forestiera acuminata

The Olive Family (Oleaceae)

Basic Description: Tall bush or short tree with opposite, deciduous leaves; ridged, dark brown bark; small, fragrant yellow flowers and purplish-black drupes.

Interesting Facts: Commonly found in wet environments, usually in standing water for long parts of the year. Lumber used for wood turnings. Because it blooms before the leaves appear, the yellow flowers make it a showy wetland environment planting.

Flower: Male: Tiny yellow green flowers without petals, on yellow bracts in small clusters. Female flowers insignificant.

Fruit: Light brown to dark purple-black, .4" long oblong drupes maturing in early summer.

Wildlife Value: Drupes are valuable food for songbirds and waterfowl, specifically wood ducks; foliage grazed by deer; spring pollen source for bees and limited cover source for birds and small mammals.

Habitat: Lowland woods, swamps and rocky edges of streams and ponds.

LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



POLLINATOR

INSECT



WILDLIFE VALUE

MEDIUM

