

Black cherry

Prunus serotina (Rosaceae)



Identification: Shiny, dark green leaves end in a sharp point, have fine teeth along the margins and are aromatic when crushed; tiny white flowers

Notes: This largest native American *Prunus* has a highly prized wood; cyanide compounds in leaves & inner bark give them an almond smell and make them toxic. Berries are edible and are used to make jelly and wine.

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