

Black Cherry

Botanical Name: *Prunus serotina*

Pronunciation: PROO-nus sair-OTT-ih-nuh



Fun Facts:

- The bark on older trees looks like very thick, burnt potato chips
- Black cherry wood is known for its strong red color and high price
- Birds love the fruit, but the leaves, especially when wilted, could poison animals
- The fruit is used for making jam and cherry pies; they are also a popular flavoring for sodas and used in many ice creams
- Wild Cherry cough syrup is made from the reddish-brown, fragrant, and bitter inner bark
- Young twigs have an almond-like odor when scratched and held close to the nose.