

# AgBark



A series of tree insights

Did you know?

There are 43 types of cherries!

## Overview

- Black Cherry trees are deciduous.
- Black Cherry trees tolerate a variety of soil and climate conditions.
- Black Cherry trees can be found in 35 states in America.

## Tree Details

Black Cherry trees produce solitary white flowers.

As its name states, cherries are ripe to eat when black in color.

Black Cherry trees typically grow 50-80 feet tall and 30-50 feet wide.

## Black Cherry

**Kingdom:** Plantae

**Class:** Magnoliopsida

**Order:** Rosales

**Family:** Rosaceae

**Genus:** *Prunus serotina*

## Black Cherry in Agriculture

- Black Cherry trees are used commercially for furniture and veneer and found in the Alleghany Plateau.
- The bark from young Black Cherry Trees is medicinal and used in cough medicines, tonics and sedatives.
- Though the fruit provides nutrition for wildlife, if livestock consume wilted leaves, it poses a toxic risk in developing cyanide poisoning.

## History

- Black Cherry trees can be found in many countries including, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala and the United States.
- Native Americans used the inner bark, roots, stems and fruit to treat colds, coughs, skin sores and other illnesses.
- Timber remains the highest value of the Black Cherry Tree, and the bark is the soundest highest in value.

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