

Hosted Species



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
(*Papilio glaucus*)



Viceroy
(*Limenitis archippus*)



Coral Hairstreak
(*Satyrium titus*)

Cherry also hosts the Spring Azure (*Celastrina ladon*) and the Red Spotted Purple (*Limenitis arthemis*).



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Wild Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

Host plant for five butterflies and food source for birds and mammals.

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Range of Wild Black Cherry in the United States and Canada.



Mixed Hardwood Forest

Habitat

Wild Black Cherry is found in the overstory and understory of mixed hardwood forests.

Description

Wild Black Cherry is a tree that grows up to 80 feet tall. The alternate, simple, serrate, lanceolate or elliptical leaves can grow to 3-6 inches in length and about 1-3 inches in width. The white flowers bloom from April to May.



Alternative Names

Wild Cherry, Wild Rum Cherry, Choke Cherry, Mountain Black Cherry

Hardy in Zones: 2-8

Taxonomy and Name

Wild Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*) was originally described and named by Jakob Friedrich Ehrhart, a German botanist, in 1781. It has kept the same name since. It is a member of the Rose Family (Rosaceae).



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