



Species Information for
Port Houston 12/9/23

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Trees For Houston's goal is to plant, promote, and protect Houston! Some ways we do so is through tree giveaways, plantings, and events! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to get involved, please direct them to Bailey@treesforhouston.org

BLACK CHERRY

Prunus serotina

Height: ~50-80 ft

Conditions: Full sun and moist soil preferred

Comments: This fast growing tree has vivid yellow fall colors, beautiful spring flowers, and delicious summer fruit.

Fun Fact: The fruit is edible, jelly and wines are often made from them.

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

[Texas Forest Service](#)



BUTTONBUSH

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Height: ~6-12 ft

Conditions: Partial to full shade

Comments: This plant is flood tolerant and great for wet areas. It attracts butterflies with its beautiful white round clustered flowers. Plus, its as cute as a button!

Warning: Do not let pets consume, it contains toxins.

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)

[USDA Plants Database](#)



CAROLINA BUCKTHORN

Frangula caroliniana

Height: ~12-20 ft but usually closer to 12 ft

Shade: Full sun to partial shade

Comments: Deciduous shrub like tree that can be planted alone or as a understory tree. These trees have berries that attracts birds but should not be consumed by people.

Fun Fact: Although named buckthorn, this tree has no thorns!

More Species Information:

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[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower](#)



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CHERRY LAUREL

Prunus carolinana

Height: ~10-20 ft

Conditions: Full to partial sun preferred

Comments: Showy, dense, fast growing evergreen shrub or small tree. Small white seasonal flowers. Requires deep soil and grows 1.5 ft per year.

Note: Cherry Laurel is not edible

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ROUGHLEAF DOGWOOD

Cornus drummondii

Height: ~15 ft

Conditions: Partial shade preferred

Comments: Multi-stemmed shrub with cream colored flowers from April to May. Wildlife love this species, its especially valuable to native bees.

More Species Information:

[Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center](#)



MEXICAN PLUM

Prunus mexicana

Height: ~10- 30 ft

Conditions: Full sun preferred

Comments: This is a drought tolerant tree with fragrant, white, showy flowers that produces delicious plums humans and wildlife enjoy.

More Species Information:

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