

Northern Bayberry

(*Myrica pensylvanica*)

This attractive native shrub produces grayish blue waxy-coated berries that song birds such as vireos and warblers enjoy. The berries are also used in candle making. The dark green foliage is fragrant. It reaches 8–10 feet at maturity. It prefers to grow in moist, humus-rich, preferably acidic soil in full sun to partial shade. It is tolerant of poor soils, drought and wet soils. Most effective as a mass planting when used in woodlands, borders, and formal areas, but are equally at home as a hedge, in an herb garden, or in a natural meadow.