

Bumelia lanuginosa

(Chittamwood)

Bumelia lanuginosa also known as Chittamwood is a deciduous tree usually found in open woods or along fences and streets. The small tree produces white fragrant flowers and fleshy black and blue berries that attract birds and other wildlife.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: bew-MEEL-ee-uh luh-noo-jih-NO-suh
Plant Type: Tree
Origin: North America
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses: Specimen, Shade, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban, Reclamation
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Spreading
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity: 5 to 8 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: More than 50 Years

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Oblong

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery, Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Blue, Black

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
