

Myrica pensylvanica

Northern Bayberry



Foliage and Fall Fruit

Characteristics: Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

Appearance:

Height - 6 to 12 ft.

Aerial Spread - 6 to 12 ft.

Flower Color - Green

Flowering Period – late March through early or mid-April

Fruit Color – white or gray

Fruiting Period – early September, persisting through late May

Habitat: tidal fresh and brackish marshes and swamps nontidal marshes and swamps sand flats and dunes

Hydrology:

Indicator status - Facultative

Salinity – fresh to brackish water; up to approximately 20 ppt

Tidal - above mean high water to upland

Non-Tidal Regime – irregularly to seasonally inundated or saturated (up to approximately 25% of the growing season)

Wildlife Benefits: (**food**) eastern meadowlark, white-eyed vireo, yellow-rumped warbler, tree swallow, red-winged blackbird; (**winter food**) many songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds, and marshbirds; (**cover**) many species

Distribution: Newfoundland, south to North Carolina (mainly Coastal Plain)