

Common Name: Indian Plum (aka Osoberry)
Scientific Name: *Oemleria cerasiformis*

Sun Exposure: Full sun to full shade , very adaptable

Average Size: 6-20 feet in height and about 12 feet in diameter

Moisture: Can grow on sites ranging from fairly dry to moist.

Elevation: Low elevations (sea level to 2,000 feet)

Soils: Can grow in a wide range of soils. Prefers humus-rich, moist soil.

Shape: Multi-stemmed shrub or small tree, sometimes generate suckers

Foliage: Deciduous ~Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped, gray-green underneath and fuzzy. Leaves when crushed have a cucumber or watermelon rind scent

Flower: White, fragrant flowers hang in clusters from leaf axils; Male and female flowers occur on separate plants.

Fruit: Peach colored, ripening to bluish-black (like small plums) about 1/2 inch long, edible but bitter with a large pit.

Notes:

- One of the first flowering shrubs starting as early as March.
- The flowers have a very unique odor, some find it unpleasant.
- Perfect for a hedgerow or for wildlife habitat.
- Fairly fast growing and easy to establish in disturbed sites.

