

black haw *Viburnum prunifolium*

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Dipsacales

Family: Caprifoliaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Black haw is a small tree that grows to 25 feet tall and a maximum diameter of six inches. Its bark is red-brown and divided into irregular plates. Its leaves are opposite and simple with an oval shape. The leaves may be up to three inches long and two inches wide. They are finely toothed along the edges. The flowers are small and white, developing in round-topped clusters. The fruit is blue-black, fleshy and oval to ellipsoidal, up to three-fourths inch long. Each fruit contains one seed. The wood is red-brown, heavy and strong.

BEHAVIORS

Black haw grows in dry, well-drained forests. It blooms from April through June. This tree is often planted to provide food and shelter for wildlife or as an ornamental plant in landscaped areas.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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