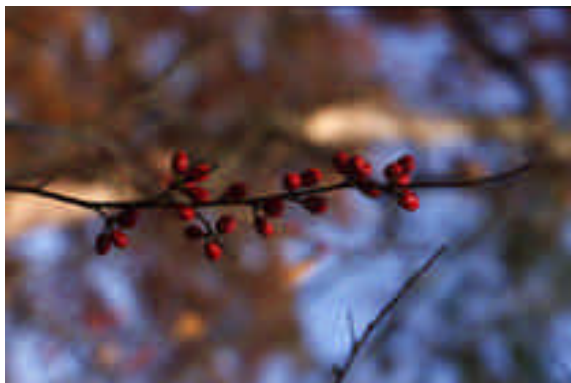


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Lindera benzoin

Spicebush



A terrific shrub. Glossy, bright green foliage turns clear yellow in fall. Small clusters of yellow flowers in April, before the leaves emerge, spicily scented. Bright red, oval berries in September, quickly eaten by birds. Leaves and twigs are aromatic when crushed. Thrives in moist soil in light shade, but will also tolerate drier soils, and full sun.

Suggested companions: red oak (*Quercus rubra*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), wild leek (*Allium tricoccum*)

Photo Image: Sally Elmiger

Plant Type: Small Tree
Size: 6-15' H
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Forested Upland
Woodland Margin
Forested Wetland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Sandy/ Gravelly
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun
filtered
shade

Flower Color:
Yellow
Green

Bloom Time:
April

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Fragrant
Bird attracting
Fall color
Wildlife attracting