**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

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

**Flower Color:** Yellow  
Green

**Bloom Time:** April

**Exposure:** sun filtered shade

**Plant in:** 6-12’ W  
6-15’ H

**Groundcover:** No

**Other Attributes:**  
Fragrant  
Bird attracting  
Fall color  
Wildlife attracting

**Habitat:**  
Forested Upland  
Woodland Margin  
Forested Wetland

**Water Tolerant:** Somewhat