

# CELEBRATION OF TREES



## Native Fringe Tree *Chionanthus virginicus*

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Height:** 12 – 20'

**Width:** 12-12'

**Identification:** A native large shrub or small tree with spreading round habit that has a slightly fragrant, spring=blooming flowers with feature airy, terminal drooping clusters of fringe like creamy white petals.

### GROWING CONDITIONS

**Native Habitat:** Eastern North America (Zone: 3 to 9)

**Water:** Medium

**Sun Light:** Full sun to part shade

Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Prefers moist, fertile soils. Seldom needs pruning. Tolerant of air pollution and clay soils.

### BENEFITS

Grown as a specimen and produces a olive like fruit in the late summer and is a food source for birds and wildlife. Can be spectacular in full bloom.

**Sources:** Missouri Botanical Garden Website



White showy flowers attract birds and butterflies.



Flowers give way to blue-black, berry-like drupes, which are quite attractive to birds and wildlife.