

Black Cherry



Older Black Cherry trees have a distinctive scaly looking bark that some have described as burnt corn flake. This pattern can be seen on most of the black cherries in this park and, on this tree above about 10 feet. Black Cherry is a tree that often makes an early appearance in the transition between old fields and forest and can be seen throughout Bristol Woods. It can grow up to 80 feet tall and produces a bitter cherry that humans find inedible off the tree but many birds love. Black cherries can be made into jams and liquors and its wood has many uses in furniture and wood working.