



Springboro Tree Farms

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Black Cherry

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Prunus serotina*

FAMILY: Rosaceae

ORIGIN: North America

About 2000, we planted several Black Cherry trees in the river bottom area where this tree trail passes near the Tippecanoe River.



There was one very large one close to our house. It died several years ago. After having it cut down in 2018 we accounted 280 rings in the trunk of the tree but we were not able to count all the rings in the center of the trunk because the wood was rotten there. That tree had to be 300+ years old. The stump is still there if you want to see it. Think about it. Tecumseh and his brother the Prophet might have walked past that tree on their way to Prophet's Town!

The scientific name of the Black Cherry Tree is *Prunus serotina*. While commonly called black cherry it's also known as wild black cherry, rum cherry, or mountain black cherry. It is a deciduous tree or shrub of the genus

Prunus. In the fall these trees yield very small cherry fruit. They grow rapidly and get really big.

