

CELEBRATION OF TREES 2018



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, *Chionanthus virginicus*, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=m720> (last visited Oct. 08, 2018).



White showy flowers attract birds and butterflies.



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