

WAX MYRTLE

Genus/species	<i>Morella cerifera</i>	
Synonyms	Common: Bayberry/Wax Myrtle Botanical: <i>Myrica cerifera</i>	
Family	Myricaceae	
Distribution	Southeastern US	Gulf and Atlantic Coastal Plains New Jersey southward to S Florida S Florida westward to E Texas and SE Oklahoma
Comments	This small tree or large shrub has yellow-green evergreen leaves and it usually grows in wet areas, such as swamps or pond margins. The flowers are small and inconspicuous, blooming in early spring, and male and female flowers are on separate plants. The fruits are tiny balls having a light-blue waxing coating.	

