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Cyrilla racemiflora

[Synonyms : *Cyrilla antillana*, *Cyrilla brevifolia*, *Cyrilla racemiflora* var. *brevifolia*]

LEATHERWOOD is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native from south-eastern United States south to northern South America, it has small fragrant, white flowers.

It is also known as American cyrilla, Black titi, Burn-wood bark, He hackleberry, Huckleberry, Ironwood, Myrtle, Red titi, Southern ironwood, Swamp cyrilla, Swamp ironwood, Swamp titi, Titi, and White titi.

The flowers are extremely attractive for bees.

Racemiflora is derived from Latin *racemi* (cluster) and *-flora* (flowered) components meaning ‘flowers in lily-of-the-valley-like (*Convallaria majalis*) spikes’.

Leatherwood is valued commercially as a bee-tree for honey.

Medicinally, the outer bark was once used locally to treat external ulcers.