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Forestiera acuminata

[Synonyms : *Adelia acuminata*, *Borya acuminata*, *Forestiera acuminata* subsp. *vestita*]

SWAMP PRIVET is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern North America it has small, light brown to purple berry-like fruit.

It is also known as Eastern swamp privet, and *Forestiera*.

Acuminata is derived from Latin *acumen* (sharp point) meaning ‘tapering to a long narrow pointed tip’ with reference to the leaf shape.

The North American Houma Indian tribe took a root and bark decoction as people in the West today would drink freshly squeezed fruit or vegetable juices.

The fruit are eaten by wild ducks and other birds.

The strong wood has been used for turning.