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Halesia tetraptera

[Synonyms : *Halesia carolina*, *Halesia chinensis*, *Halesia parviflora*]

SNOWDROP TREE is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern North America it has small, snowdrop-like, white flowers.

It is also known as Bell olivetree, Bell-tree, Bellwood, Box elder, Calico wood, Carolina silverbells, Catbell, Florida silverbell, Four-winged halesia, Little silverbell, Mountain silverbell, No-name-tree, Opossum, Opossumwood, Possum wood, Rattle-box, Silver bells, Silver-tree, *Snödroppsträd* (Swedish), Tisswood, and Wild olive.

Tetraptera is derived from Greek *tetra-* (four) and *ptero-* (winged) components with reference to the fruit pods.

The North American Cherokee Indians used the wood for construction.

Snowdrop tree is believed to have been introduced to Europe in about 1756.