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*Osmanthus americana*

[Synonyms : *Olea americana*]

**AMERICAN OLIVE** is a semi-evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern North America it has small highly fragrant white to green flowers.

It is also known as American devilwood, American wild olive, Devilwood, Native olive, and Wild olive.

*Americana* means ‘of or from America (North or South)’.

Although it is said that the strong and durable wood can be hard to work it has been used occasionally for general carpentry.

American olive with its olive-like, dark blue fruit has sometimes been cultivated as an ornamental plant.