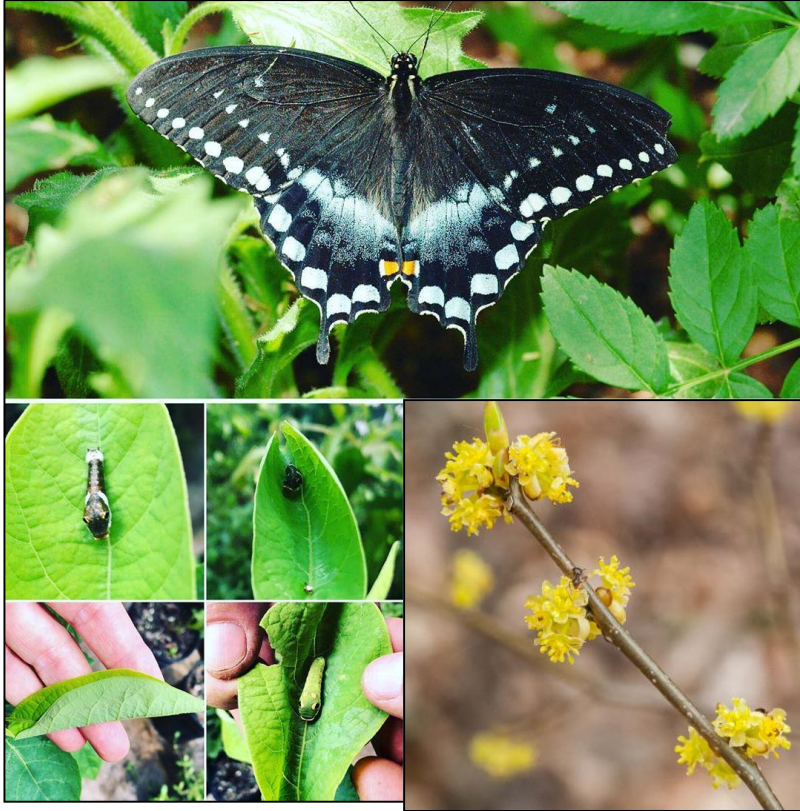


# Spicebush

*Lindera benzoin*



A native shrub from Maine, to Florida to Texas. Tolerates a wide range of growing conditions from full sun to shade. Normally associated with moist woodland edges. Medium growth rate. Small delicate yellow-green lemon scented flowers appear in crowded stalkless clusters in the axils of leaves. Flowers in early Spring before the foliage. Aromatic foliage has a distinctive spicy fragrance when crushed. Showy red berries appear in the fall – attractive to many birds and other wildlife. The caterpillar of the spicebush swallowtail butterfly feeds on the leaves. Deciduous – leaves turn a nice yellow before going dormant. Averages 6' to 8' in size.