

Chionanthus virginicus

Native Fringe Tree

Zone: 4

Height: 18'

Width: 20'

Crown: Oval, round

Growth Rate: Slow

Soil: Clay, loam, sand

pH: Acidic

Drainage: Well drained

Drought: Moderate tolerance

Breakage: Resistant

Pest: Not serious, leaf spot, stem canker, powdery mildew



As with its cousin, *Chionanthus retusus*, *C. virginicus* is a small tree that does best in part shade/part sun. The most striking aspect of the tree is the showy, fragrant spring flower. It literally covers the tree or shrub. The foliage is



clean and moderately bold, with a yellow fall color. It should do well anywhere Zone 3 to

9b with acid soil and occasional summer watering. This native seems to be bothered by a few more disease problems than the Chinese Fringe Tree. Leaf spot, powdery mildew and stem canker may occasionally be problems, but are not deadly. Robinson Nursery offers this plant in shrub form. It may be pruned into a tree.

