Morella cerifera

**Family:** Myricaceae  
**Common Name:** Southern Wax Myrtle

- **Height:** 10 – 15’
- **Spread:** 8 – 10’
- **Light requirements:** full sun to part shade
- **Soil:** average, medium to wet soil
- **Flower:** fragrant, insignificant
- **Bloom Time:** Feb to Mar
- **Bloom Description:** yellow-green
- **Growth:** large, dense-branching, suckering, fast-growing evergreen shrub
- **Native Origin:** Southeastern US

Alternative to invasive Privet

Tolerant of high winds and salt spray. The fruits have been used to make bayberry candles, soaps, and sealing wax.

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