**Common Name:** Indian Plum (aka Osoberry)  
**Scientific Name:** *Oemleria cerasiformis*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to full shade, very adaptable  
**Average Size:** 6-20 feet in height and about 12 feet in diameter  
**Moisture:** Can grow on sites ranging from fairly dry to moist.  
**Elevation:** Low elevations (sea level to 2,000 feet)  
**Soils:** Can grow in a wide range of soils. Prefers humus-rich, moist soil.  
**Shape:** Multi-stemmed shrub or small tree, sometimes generate suckers  
**Foliage:** Deciduous ~Leaves are alternate, lance-shaped, gray-green underneath and fuzzy. Leaves when crushed have a cucumber or watermelon rind scent  
**Flower:** White, fragrant flowers hang in clusters from leaf axils; Male and female flowers occur on separate plants.  
**Fruit:** Peach colored, ripening to bluish-black (like small plums) about 1/2 inch long, edible but bitter with a large pit.  

**Notes:**  
- One of the first flowing shrubs starting as early as March.  
- The flowers have a very unique odor, some find it unpleasant.  
- Perfect for a hedgerow or for wildlife habitat.  
- Fairly fast growing and easy to establish in disturbed sites.