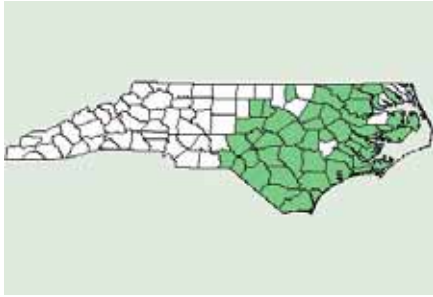


# CAROLINA SILVERBELL

Halesia carolina

*aka Snowdrop Tree or Opossum Wood*



**Description:** The silverbell is a wide-spreading shrub or small tree with rounded crowns. This medium size deciduous shrub/ tree have leaves turn yellow in the fall. The dainty white bell shaped flowers hang from leafless branches in early spring makes this native stand out.

**Natural Habitat:** Along streams, in the under-story of hardwood forests.

**Conservation Status:** Endangered - Illinois; Presumed extirpated - Ohio

**Size:** 20-40 feet tall, spread 15-35 feet

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Light:** Sun to part shade

**Planting and Care:** Moist well drained soil. Urban and heat tolerant.

**Ornamental Value:** Showy flower and colorful autumn leaves and the curious fruits, a little more than 1 in long with two or four lengthwise "wings", dangle like little ornaments all summer and fall.

**Landscape Usage:** Planted as a specimen tree for the border, woodland edge, under-story, or even foundation site. The white bell-shaped flowers and small size make it a desirable tree for landscaping

**Commercial/Traditional Uses:** The softwood makes it a favorite for crafts.

**Wildlife Benefits:** The seeds are eaten by squirrels and flowers provide nectar for bees