



Fringe tree

Size/Season:

The fringe tree reaches heights of 12 – 20 feet and can grow as wide as 12 feet.

Clusters of flowers are 4 – 6 inches long with individual flowers 1 inch long. Leaves are 4 – 8 inches long.

Flowers bloom in the spring (May), and fruit forms in the summer, ripening at the end of summer into the fall.

Visitor Education Center (VEC)

About Us

The Visitor Education Center (VEC) at the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery is the first and only facility of its kind in Mississippi. It is owned and operated by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

In addition to the native habitat area, the VEC features a 10,000 gallon aquarium, interactive exhibits, displays, artifacts, fishing rodeo pond, gift shop and gallery, and the World Record White Crappie. All of these elements serve as entertaining and engaging learning experiences for all visitors.

The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



Fringe tree blooms

MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: FRINGE TREE

(Chionanthus virginicus)

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Leaves

Description:

This spreading plant can have multiple trunks, which are pale grey with white bands. Leaves, which are oval-shaped, are yellowish green to dark green in color. These leaves turn completely yellow in the fall. Flowers are a creamy white color (or greenish white color) and suspend in panicles from the branches with female plants having dark blue to purple clustered fruit.

Habitat:

This Mississippi native is usually found in areas such as stream banks and moist woods.

Other Names:

*White Fringe Tree,
Old Man's Beard,
& Grancy Graybeard*



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Leaves and blooms

Planting Tips/ Interesting Facts:

This plant needs moist (well-drained) soil and needs to be planted in full sun to part shade.

Flowers are fragrant and fruit attracts birds.



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, Clemson.edu, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.

