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Instant ID

- Shrub growing up to 13 feet tall
- White flowers produce blue and blue-black berries
- A perennial plant (lives for many years)
- Includes multiple species and varieties
- Slightly waxy leaves fall off and regrow each year

Native Niches

- Most common in wet habitats
- Found throughout eastern North America
- Cannot survive under shade and prefers open areas



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Plant Particulars

- Some species grow faster after fires and other disturbances
- Primarily pollinated by bees
- Important food source for birds and mammals
- Other names include the mayberry and whortleberry
- Flowers are long and bell-shaped
- Berries have high amounts of the mineral iron

Population Protection

- Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk
- Provides food for native species and supports the biodiversity of Floridian ecosystems

