

Family	Genus	Species	Common Name	Pronunciation (Family)	Pronunciation (Genus)	Pronunciation (Species)
Betulaceae	Alnus	serrulata	hazel alder	bet-û-LÂ-sê-ê	al-NUS	ser-Û-la-tu
Caprifoliaceae	Sambucus	nigra ssp. canadensis	American black elderberry	kap-ri-fô-li-Â-sê-ê	sam-BOO-cus	NÎ-gru sub-SPÊ-sês ka-na-DEN-sis
Ericaceae	Lyonia	ligustrina	hehuckleberry lyonia	er-i-KÂ-sê-ê	lî-ÛN-ê-u	li-GÛ-strê-nu
Ericaceae	Vaccinium	spp.	blueberry	er-i-KÂ-sê-ê	vak-sin-ê-um	es-PÊ-pê
Fagaceae	Castanea	pumila	chinkapin	fu-GÂ-sê-ê	kas-tan-Ê-u	POO-mê-lu
Fagaceae	Fagus	grandifolia	American beech	fu-GÂ-sê-ê	FA-gus	gran-DI-fô-lê-u
Lauraceae	Persea	borbonia	redbay	lor-Â-sê-ê	per-SÊ-u	bor-BÛ-ni-u
Myricaceae	Morella	caroliniensis	southern bayberry	mî-ri-KÂ-sê-ê	mô-RE-lu	kar-Û-lin-en-sis
Rosaceae	Aronia	arbutifolia	red chokeberry	rô-ZÂ-sê-ê	A-rô-nê-u	ar-BÛ-ti-fô-lê-u
Rubiaceae	Cephalanthus	occidentalis	common buttonbush	roo-bê-Â-sê-ê	se-fu-LAN-thus	ok-si-DIN-tal-is
Rubiaceae	Mitchella	repens	partridgeberry	roo-bê-Â-sê-ê	MI-che-lu	RE-penz

**many of these are my own interpretations, so they may not be exactly right, but they are close*

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Key to Abbreviations Used

a as in map	i as in tip	o as in cot
â as in dâte	î as in bîte	ô as in bône
ä as in cärt		oi as in soil
	u as in but	oo as in boot
e as in bed	û as in mûte	õõ as in foot
ê as in êve		or as in port

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When someone presumes to correct your pronunciation, a knowing smile is an appropriate response

Listen to others and practice what sounds good to your ear; conviction is important