

F2132 (June 2024)

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North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Prunus tenella*

Family: Rosaceae (Rose)

Hardiness: Zone 3

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Slow

Mature Height: 4'-7'

Longevity: Short

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: Pink to red

Fruit: Tan, oval shaped nut

Fall Color: Yellow

Russian Almond

Description

A low, suckering shrub native to Western Asia and Eastern Siberia. Russian almond is hardy, however its suckering habit reduces its desirability as a landscape plant. Russian almond is very useful as part of a shelterbelt planting. The dense thickets it produces are excellent cover for wildlife. Abundant pink to rosy flowers appear in early spring.

Preferences

Light: Full sun.

Water: Fair drought resistance.

Soil: Prefers loamy soils. Adapted to a wide range of pH conditions.

Comments

Small brown nuts with a hard hairy shell up to 3/4" across are possible on this plant.

'Fire Hill' – Red flowers.

'Regal' – Released by USDA Plant Materials center in Bismarck. Useful in shelterbelts and other conservation plantings.

White Russian Almond – This variety has white flowers.

