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North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Prunus tomentosa*

Family: Rosaceae (Rose)

Hardiness: Zone 2

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Short

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: White to pink

Fruit: Dark red tart cherries

Fall Color: Yellow

Nanking Cherry

Description

Nanking cherry is a winter hardy, moderately fast-growing, short-lived shrub native to China, Japan, and the Himalayas. A broad spreading, densely twiggy shrub, becoming more open and picturesque with age. Also called Manchu cherry. Edible fruits are dark red and excellent for pies, wine and jellies.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to part shade.

Water: Medium.

Soil: Average to moist soils.

Comments

The fruit of Nanking cherry is relished by many songbirds and it also provides nesting cover for a few species of songbirds. This shrub is browsed by rabbits, mice, and deer, which can cause serious injury if control measures are not taken. Established plants have good drought tolerance. Nanking cherry is prone to branch cankers. A white Nanking cherry variety, 'Leucocarpa', is also available on the market.



Credits: Tree Selector Website

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