

North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Prunus armeniaca* var. *mandshurica*

Family: Rosaceae (Rose)

Hardiness: Zone 3

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Tree

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: 10'-15'

Longevity: Medium

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: White to pink

Fruit: Small red stone fruit

Fall Color: Yellow to orange

Manchurian Apricot

Description

A small, upright, fast growing tree with a rounded, spreading form. Manchurian apricot is winter hardy and drought resistant. Native to Manchuria and Korea, it is known for its superb early spring flower display and golden orange fall color. It also produces edible fruit. Its early flowering does make it susceptible to spring frost damage

Preferences

Light: Full sun.

Water: Will not withstand ponding, moderately drought tolerant.

Soil: Grows best in loam soils with a pH of 6-7.5.

Comments

Apricots are more productive when cross-pollinated from a different cultivar. Cultivated varieties include:

Mandan apricot (*Prunus armeniaca* var. *mandshurica* 'Mandan') - Released by USDA-ARS, Northern Great Plains Research Station, Mandan, North Dakota. A seed strain cultivar.

'Moongold' and 'Sungold' apricots - Released by U. Minnesota. These two cultivars should be used together for cross-pollination.

Other cold-hardy cultivars that also produce excellent fruit include: 'Scout', 'Debbie's Gold', 'Westcot', and 'Brookcot'.

Credits: NDSU Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook

