

# North Dakota Tree Selector

## General

**Scientific Name:** *Prunus serotina*

**Family:** Rosaceae (Rose)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Tree

## Growth

**Rate:** Medium

**Mature Height:** 50-80'

**Longevity:** Long

**Power Line:** No

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** White

**Fruit:** Drooping clusters of small purple-black cherries

**Fall Color:** Yellow to rose

## Black Cherry

### Description

Most noted for its profuse spring bloom, the black cherry also has attractive summer foliage and fall color. One of the largest of the cherry trees, the fruits are inedible straight off the tree, but can be used to make jams and jellies. Fruits are attractive to wildlife. Native to Eastern North America.

### Preferences

**Light:** Part shade.

**Water:** Medium to high water use.

**Soil:** Best grown in moist, fertile loam soils.

### Comments

Native Americans prepared decoctions of inner bark for cough medicines and tea-like cold remedies. Hard, reddish-brown wood takes a fine polish and is commercially valued for use in a large number of products such as furniture, veneers, cabinets, interior paneling, gun stocks, instrument/tool handles and musical instruments. Species name comes from the Latin word for "late" in reference to the late flowering and fruiting in comparison to other cherry varieties. Potentially susceptible to black rot canker.

Credits: Plant Selector Website, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a914>



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