

# 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



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