

# 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.

