

# North Dakota Tree Selector

## General

**Scientific Name:** *Prunus tenella*

**Family:** Rosaceae (Rose)

**Hardiness:** Zone 3

**Leaves:** Deciduous

**Plant Type:** Shrub

## Growth

**Rate:** Slow

**Mature Height:** 4'-7'

**Longevity:** Short

**Power Line:** Yes

## Ornamental

**Flowers:** Pink to red

**Fruit:** Tan, oval shaped nut

**Fall Color:** Yellow

## Russian Almond

### Description

A low, suckering shrub native to Western Asia and Eastern Siberia. Russian almond is hardy, however its suckering habit reduces its desirability as a landscape plant. Russian almond is very useful as part of a shelterbelt planting. The dense thickets it produces are excellent cover for wildlife. Abundant pink to rosy flowers appear in early spring.

### Preferences

**Light:** Full sun.

**Water:** Fair drought resistance.

**Soil:** Prefers loamy soils. Adapted to a wide range of pH conditions.

### Comments

Small brown nuts with a hard hairy shell up to 3/4" across are possible on this plant.

'Fire Hill' - Red flowers.

'Regal' - Released by USDA Plant Materials center in Bismarck. Useful in shelterbelts and other conservation plantings.

White Russian Almond - This variety has white flowers

Credits: NDSU Tree Selector Website, North Dakota Tree Handbook

