

Common Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana



Mature



Native Range

General Attributes

Type	Deciduous Tree or Deciduous Shrub
Height	10 - 20 Feet
Spread	10 - 20 Feet
Form	Rounded or Rounded
Utility Lines	Compatible
Growth Rate	Fast
Life Expectancy	Short
USDA Zone	2 - 5
Root Pattern	Deep Lateral

Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring
Fruit	Drupe
Fruit Color	Black
Fruit Season	Summer
Summer Texture	Medium
Winter Texture	Medium
Spring Foliage	Green
Summer Foliage	Green
Fall Foliage	Orange
Winter Foliage	Not Applicable

Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun, Partial Sun
Orientation	North, South, East, West
Soil Texture	Sandy Loam to Silty Clay
Topography	Upland
Plant Community	Forest, Savannah, Forest Edge, Old Field
Succession	Pioneer
Origin	MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, MSA Zone 5, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota, North America

Soils

Salt Spray Tolerance	Moderate
Soil Salt Tolerance	Moderate
Compaction Tolerance	
Water Table	24 Inches
Drainage	Excessive, Moderate
Flood Tolerance	
Drought Tolerance	Tolerant
Moisture Regime	Dry, Moist, Wet
pH	6.5 through 8.0
Windbreak Group	

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Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot	Easy
Fall Bareroot	
Spring Container	Easy
Fall Container	Easy
Spring Seed	
Fall Seed	

Maintenance

Formal	Moderate
Informal	Low
2,4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
Dicamba Tolerance	Sensitive
Picloram Tolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	
Sulfur Dioxide	Moderate
Ozone Tolerance	
Hydrogen Flouride	Moderate
Nitrogen Oxide	

Pests/Problems

Allergens	both sexes 5-7 depending on species depending on variety
Invasiveness	Invasive
Toxicity	Has toxic Leaves, Fruit
Cold Injury	Not Susceptible
Storm Damage	Susceptible
Biological Control	
Mechanical Control	
Chemical Control	

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	High
Insect Concerns	Major
Disease Concern	Major
Wildlife Concerns	

Comments

Small freely suckering tree. Shade tolerant but fruits best in full sun. Fruit prized for jelly and wine--hard seed is toxic, pulp is not. Leaves contain cyanide. Planted in conservation plantings and for bird food. Subject to black knot.



Flower



Fruit

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Leaf