

# Chokecherry

*Prunus virginiana*



- **Plant Characteristics:** This small suckering tree or large shrub is native throughout North Dakota. The largest tree form in North Dakota is 41 feet.
- **Size:** Height: 12–25 feet  
Width: 10–20 feet
- **Foliage:** Dark green above and lighter green below, and turns yellow in the fall. Is 1 1/2 to 3 inches in length and 3/4 to 1 1/2 wide.
- **Flower:** White are 1/3 to 2/5" across and blooming in late April to May on 3 – 6" racemes.
- **Fruit:** Red turning to a dark purple, 1/3" across.
- **Soil:** Adapted to a wide variety of soils.
- **Tolerances:** Shade
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2
- **Light Range:** Shade tolerant, but needs full sun to produce a good fruit crop.
- **pH Range:** 5.0–8.0 pH
- **Other:**
  - Fruits have been used for making jams, jellies, pies, sauces and wine.
  - Used for windbreaks.
  - Wildlife— one of the most important plants for food and cover.
  - Common disease is black knot.
  - Suckers