### Nanking Cherry
*Prunus tomentosa*

- **Plant Characteristics:** A winter hardy, moderately fast-growing 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.
- **Size:** Height: 6—10’
  
  - Width: 6-10’
- **Foliage:** Medium to dark green above, white hairs below with a yellow fall color. Leaves are 2-3” long and 1 - 1 1/2” long.
- **Flower:** The flowers are pinkish in bud changing to white, fragrant, 3/4” across in and blooms early to mid-April.
- **Fruit:** Scarlet and edible, 1/3” across and ripening in June through July

- **Soil:** Prefers loamy soils
- **Tolerances:** Tolerates considerable wind and dryness.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2
- **Light Range:** Full sun only 🌞
- **pH Range:** 5.0—7.5
- **Other:**
  - medium shrub for windbreaks
  - provides fruit and nesting cover for song birds
  - fruits processed into wine, syrup, jellies
  - root system is medium in depth and spread
  - used for hedge, massing and screen