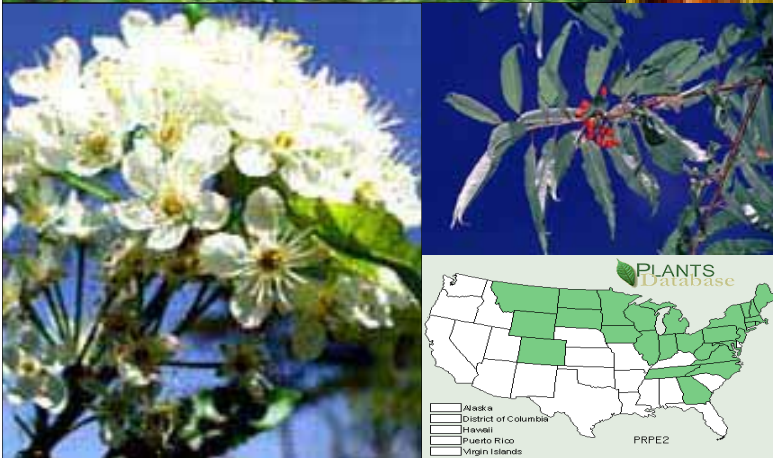


# Pin Cherry

## *Prunus pensylvanica*



- **Plant Characteristics:** Small, often shrubby tree with branches at an oblique angle and forming a round topped, oblong head, adaptable to any well-drained soil.
- **Size:** Height: 25–40'  
Width: 18–25'
- **Foliage:** Lustrous dark green leaves
- **Flower:** White, 1/2" across. Blooms May–June
- **Fruit:** Light red, 1/4" diameter, sour drupe which ripens in July through August.
- **Soil:** Grows on infertile rocky ledges, sandy plains, moist loamy soils, and rich loams with good drainage.
- **Tolerances:** Drought resistance.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2–5
- **Light Range:** Full sun
- **pH Range:** 6.8–7.2 pH
- **Other:**
  - Very rapid grower
  - Intolerant of shade
  - This species is often called Fire Cherry because its seedlings come up after forest fires
  - Leaves and seeds are poisonous
  - Fruits are used for syrup and jelly
  - It forms pure stands that provide shade for seedlings of slower growing species, then dies off, making way for the new trees.