

Western Sand Cherry

Prunus besseyi



Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	5 - 6 Feet
Spread	5 - 6 Feet
Form	Rounded
Utilities	Compatible
Growth Rate	Moderate
Life Expectancy	Short
USDA Zone	2 - 6
Root Type	Fibrous Shallow

Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun
Orientation	All Orientations
Soil Texture	Sandy Loam through Silty Clay

Soil Water Holding Capacity	Xeric or Mesic
Topography	Upland

Plant Community Forest Edge

Succession

Origin MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, MSA Zone 5, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota or North America

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Flowers/Foliage/Fruit

Flower Color White

Flower Season Spring

Fruit Drupe

Fruit Color Purple

Fruit Season Summer

Summer Texture Medium

Winter Texture Medium

Spring Foliage Gray

Summer Foliage Gray

Fall Foliage Insignificant

Winter Foliage Not Applicable



Soils

Salt Spray

Soil Salt Moderate

Compaction Intolerant

Water Table 24 Inches

Drainage Excessive or Moderate

Flood Tolerance Intolerant

Drought Tolerance Tolerant

Moisture Regime Dry, Moist or Wet

pH 4 through 7.5

Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot

Fall Bareroot

Spring Container

Fall Container

Spring Seed

Fall Seed

Windbreak Group

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Maintenance

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

Pests/Problems

Allergens both sexes 5-7 depending on species

Invasivness

Toxicity

Cold Injury Infrequent

Storm Damage Infrequent

Biological Control

Mechanical Control

Chemical Control

Comments

Grown largely in wildlife plantings. Edible fruit commonly used for preserves.

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating Moderate

Insect Concerns Minor

Disease Concerns Minor

Wildlife Concerns Deer, rabbits and mice