

# Common Chokecherry

*Prunus virginiana*



<b>Type</b>	Deciduous Shrub
<b>Height</b>	10 - 20 Feet
<b>Spread</b>	10 - 20 Feet
<b>Form</b>	Rounded
<b>Utilities</b>	Compatible
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Fast
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	Short
<b>USDA Zone</b>	2 - 5
<b>Root Type</b>	Fibrous Shallow

## Plant Community

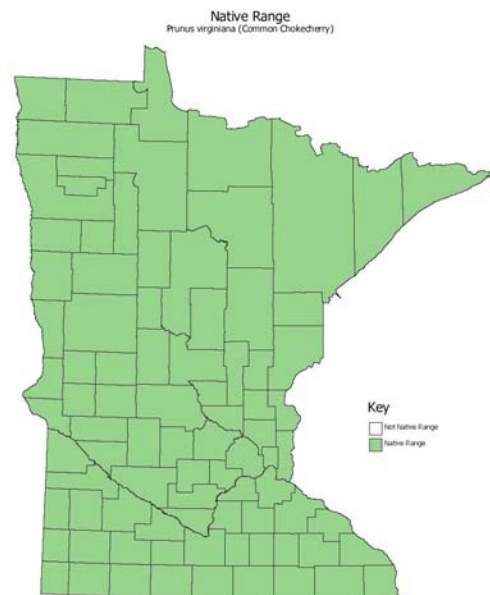
<b>Sun</b>	Full Sun through Partial Sun
<b>Orientation</b>	All Orientations
<b>Soil Texture</b>	Sandy Loam through Silty Clay

**Soil Water Holding Capacity** Xeric or Mesic

**Topography** Upland

**Plant Community** Forest, Savanna, Forest Edge or Old Field

**Succession** Pioneer



**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** Black

**Fruit Season** Summer

**Summer Texture** Medium

**Winter Texture** Medium

**Spring Foliage** Green

**Summer Foliage** Green

**Fall Foliage** Orange

**Winter Foliage** Not Applicable



## Soils

**Salt Spray** Moderate

**Soil Salt** Moderate

**Compaction**

**Water Table** 24 Inches

**Drainage** Excessive or Moderate

**Flood Tolerance** Intolerant

**Drought Tolerance** Tolerant

**Moisture Regime** Dry, Moist or Wet

**pH** 6.5 through 8

## Planting Ease

**Spring Bareroot** Easy

**Fall Bareroot**

**Spring Container** Easy

**Fall Container** Easy

**Spring Seed**

**Fall Seed**



**Windbreak Group** WSG1, WSG1K, WSG2, WSG3, WSG4L, WSG4F, WSG4C, WSG5, WSG6R or WSG6G

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## Maintenance

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

## Pests/Problems

<b>Allergens</b>	both sexes 5-7 depending on species
<b>Invasivness</b>	Invasive
<b>Toxicity</b>	Has toxic leaves and fruit
<b>Cold Injury</b>	Infrequent
<b>Storm Damage</b>	Frequent

## **Biological Control**

## **Mechanical Control**

## **Chemical Control**

## Miscellaneous

<b>Wildlife Rating</b>	High
<b>Insect Concerns</b>	Major
<b>Disease Concerns</b>	Major
<b>Wildlife Concerns</b>	Deer, rabbits and mice

## 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.