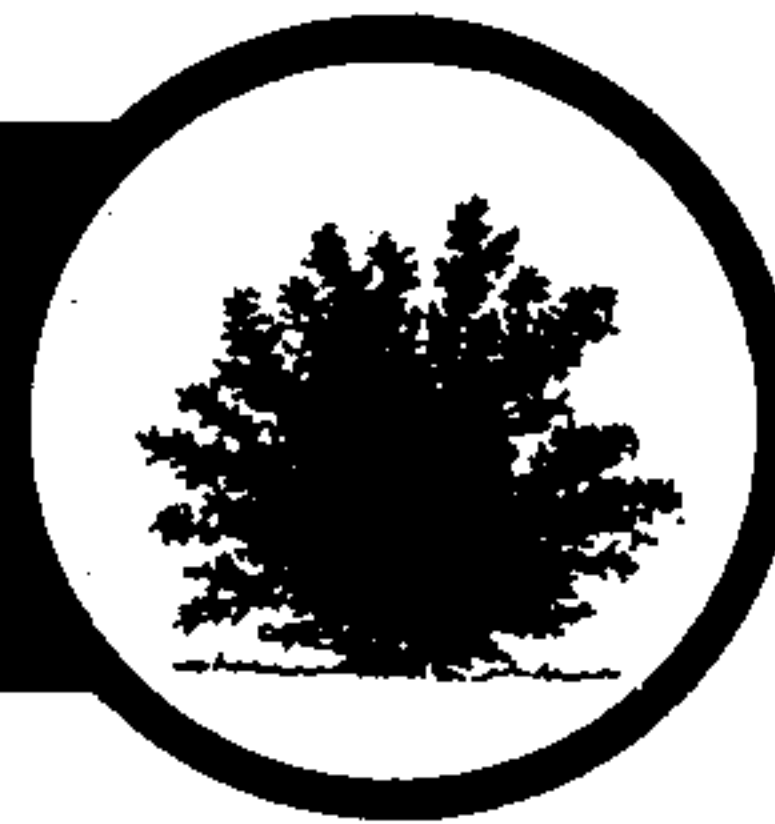


# NANKING CHERRY



*Prunus tomentosa*

## IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS:

- Branching: Alternate.  
Leaves: Simple; rough textured (wrinkled); dull; coarsely toothed.  
Flowers: White to pink, fragrant, appearing in early May.  
Fruit: Small; white-yellow-red; ripen in July; edible (sour)—used for jellies.  
Twigs: Yellowish-gray, hairy.  
Stems: Brownish.

## GROWTH HABITS:

- Rate: Rapid.  
Height: 6 to 10 feet.  
Crown spread: Up to 15 feet.  
Roots: Fine, densely fibrous.

**RANGE:** Native to northern and western China, Japan, and the Himalayas; hardy in zones 1, 2, and 3 (trial in zone 4); see zone map for shrubs.

**SHADE TOLERANCE:** Tolerant.

**SOILS:** Prefers rich, moist, neutral soils.

## SUSCEPTIBILITY:

- Insects: Eastern tent caterpillar; fall cankerworm; ugly nest caterpillar.  
Diseases: Brown rot; fire blight; black knot; plum pocket.

## USES:

- Shelterbelts: Could be used in farmstead shelterbelts, but short lived.  
Wildlife: Good to very good; birds—feeding, escape cover, limited nesting; mammals—some feeding and escape cover.  
Horticultural: Useful in shrub borders.