



## PRUNUS PUMILA V. BESSEYI WESTERN SAND CHERRY

This attractive, deciduous shrub grows quickly to 4 - 5 feet tall and wide but remains a small rounded shrub once mature. Before it leafs out in the spring, it perfumes the air with fragrant white flowers. By July the fruit has developed into edible black cherries over ½ inch in diameter that attract birds and other wildlife. The glossy green leaves are about 2 inches long and ½ inch wide. In the fall they turn a lovely orange-red color. New growth on the pliable stems is a rich shade of red. Western Sand Cherry performs well in most soils. At lower elevations, plants should receive periodic deep irrigations to reduce stress during the summer months. It is quite tolerant of drought, heat and cold in its natural distribution from New Mexico to the Dakotas at elevations of 3000 to 8000 feet. Hardy to -30° F, the Western Sand Cherry is placed in USDA Zone 4 and is useful for high elevation landscaping.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	5 feet x 5 feet
FLOWER COLOR	White
FLOWERING TIME	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full Sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	Prune only to shape if desired



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