PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus ilicifolia (Nutt. ex Hook. & Arn.) D. Dietr.

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Holly-leafed cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Roots

The fruit are sweet and are eaten fresh. They can be dried or made into a drink.
The seed kernel can be crushed and made into a meal. After leaching it is used in bread and soups.
The roots and leaves are dried and ground and added to food dishes.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub or small tree. It has many branches. It grows 8 m high and spreads 6 m wide. The leaves are leathery and glossy. They are like holly leaves with spiny edges. The flowers are small and cream or white. The fruit are red or yellow.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Hobart Botanical Gardens 1

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

PICTURES



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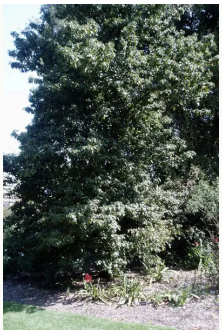

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