PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus caroliniana Aiton

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild orange, American cherry laurel, Carolina laurel-cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen tree. It grows 12 m high and spreads 6 m wide. The leaves are glossy green and have smooth edges. They are 5-10 cm long and 2-4 cm wide. The leaves are narrowly oval and slightly turned under at the edge. The leaves have an aroma when crushed. The leaves are shiny dark green above and paler underneath. The flowers are 5 mm wide with 5 small rounded cream petals. They occur in dense masses. The fruit are small and shiny and black. They are 10-12 mm long.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows up to 150 m altitude in SE region of USA. It suits hardiness zones 7-11.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

PICTURES



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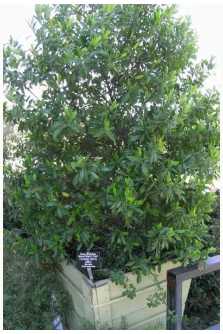

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