PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus virginiana subsp. demissa (Nutt.) Torr.

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Western chokeberry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit are eaten raw. They are used fresh or dried. They are also used for syrups, jams, jellies, soups and wine. The fruit with seeds were dried, crushed and soaked in water with flour and sugar to make a sauce.

DESCRIPTION

A medium sized shrub or small tree. It grows 3-6 m high. A clump of bushes often grow together forming a thicket. The leaves are rounded at the base. They are widest above the middle. They are dark green. The flowers are white and in cylinder shaped clusters. They are near the ends of branches. The fruit are almost black. They are 0.8-1.2 cm across.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows in moist sites.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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