PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus besseyi L. H. Bailey

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Western sand cherry, Rocky Montain cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fruit can be eaten raw or cooked. They can also be dried.
Caution: Bitter kinds should be avoided.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It is low growing and a ground cover. It can grow 2 m tall and spread 2 m wide. The leaves are grey-green. The flowers are white. The fruit are cherries which are large and sweet. There are some named cultivated varieties.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate drought.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

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