

# Choke Cherry

*Prunus virginiana*

-Choke Cherry is a large shrub that is sometimes considered a small tree. It can grow to heights of 12-30 feet tall. It flowers in May and June, which is very attractive, due to the fact that all of our native Cherries are in the Rose Family.

-It is moderately shade tolerant, slow-growing, and relatively short-lived. It is also an opportunistic species whose seeds are widely disseminated by birds and mammals. Choke Cherry can grow in almost any relatively well-drained soil.

-The Choke Cherry is one of the most widely distributed native trees in North America, extending from the Atlantic all the way west to the Pacific Ocean, and all the way up to the middle parts of Canada, and down darn near to Mexico.



**Before you buy shoes, measure your feet.**

**-West African Proverb**