



CHOCKECHERRY

Prunus virginiana

Large shrub/small tree with fragrant, dense clusters of white flowers and red/dark purple fruit, that are very attractive to birds and butterflies, and can be made into jelly or preserves. Excellent wildlife value!

Growing Information

Sunlight Full sun to part shade, shade
 Soil Type Moist, rich
 Height 15–20'
 Flowering calendar April to May

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves Yes
 Flowers Yes
 Fruit Yes
 Seeds Yes

Host to 421 caterpillar species, including:
 (common names) Coral Hairstreak; Clymene
 Moth; White Furcula; Hummingbird
 Clearwing; “Chokecherry”; Elm Sphinx; Large
 Lace-Border; Interrupted Dagger Moth

Benefits for People

- Used medicinally by Wabanaki peoples; fruit is edible, though some parts can be toxic at certain growth stages

Natural Habitat

- Moist woods, riparian areas, rocky bluffs

