

Amur Chokecherry

Prunus maackii (Family: Rosaceae)

Description: This hardy Asiatic species is sometimes called Manchurian Cherry. It does not sucker like the native chokecherry. Has showy coppery to cinnamon brown bark which variably peels.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 3 to 6.

Natural Habitat: Native to Manchuria, Siberia, and Korea.

Mature Size: Height: 20-30', Spread: 20-30'

Form (Shape): Pyramidal when young, becomes rounded as matures, can be grown in multi-stem form.

Growth Rate: Medium.

Foliage: Alternate and simple leaves that are elliptic to oblong-ovate in shape, 2 to 4" long, acuminate, rounded, and finely serrate. Slightly hairy on lower veins. Summer foliage is medium green that turns to yellow in the fall.

Texture: Medium.

Flowers: White flowers in long racemes.

Fruit: Red drupes that mature to black.

Light: Prefers full sun.

Soil: Well-drained soil with high organic matter.

Propagation: Stratified seed or softwood cuttings.

Failure Patterns: Failure is generally uncommon.

Disease and Insects: Diseases include leaf spot, dieback, leaf curl, powdery mildew, root rot, and fire blight. Pests can include aphids, scale, borers, leafhoppers, caterpillars, and Japanese beetles.

Landscape Use: Used as specimen planting or for smaller yards.

Availability: Readily available in trade.