


fire cherry *Rosaceae* *Prunus pensylvanica* L. f.  symbol:
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Leaf: Alternate, simple, lanceolate, 3 to 5 inches long, 1 to 1 1/2 inches wide, finely serrated margin, green above and slightly paler below.

Flower: Species is monoecious; white, 1/2 inch across, occurring in a small cluster.

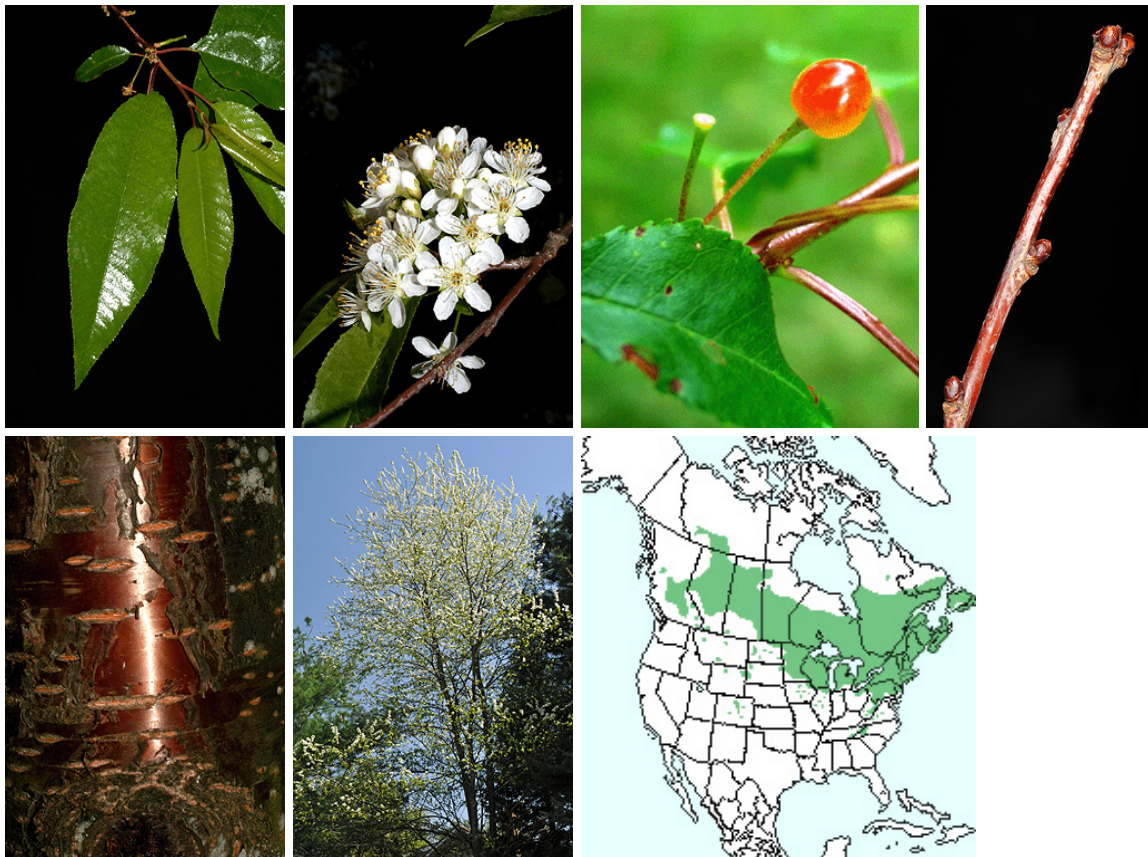
Fruit: Red drupe, 1/4 inch in diameter, ripening in mid summer, very sour.

Twig: Slender, glabrous, reddish brown; buds are small (1/8 inch), reddish brown and clustered at the branch tips; a mild bitter almond taste when chewed.

Bark: Lustrous, shiny, red-brown, long horizontal lenticels, may peel off in horizontal strips.

Form: A small tree to 30 feet tall, 1 foot in diameter.

Looks like: [black cherry](#) - [choke cherry](#) - [sweet cherry](#) - [sour cherry](#)



Additional Range Information:
Prunus pensylvanica is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting fire cherry.](#)

External Links:
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