

Pin Cherry

Prunus pensylvanica

Also called wild red cherry or fire cherry, pin cherry is a fast-growing and short-lived tree. They tolerate a wide range of conditions and are pioneer species of disturbed or burned habitats, including old pastures and wood edges. They're a great wildlife tree and are beneficial for birds, small mammals, bears, deer, and ruffed grouse. Pin cherries make good jams, jellies, and pies. The wood can be burned for firewood, but otherwise isn't of commercial value.

Height: up to 20' to 30'.

Reaches maturity young, and doesn't usually live long past 50 years old.

Planting environment:

Soil: Sandy, well-drained soils.

Moisture: Likes moist soils, but tolerates dry soils

Sunlight: Needs full sun (>6 hours/day)

Can tolerate salt runoff from roads.

Maintenance:

If you want to help fruit production, prune dead or damaged branches in the winter or spring. Pin cherries will produce volunteer seedlings in sunny areas.

Top diseases/pests:

1. Black knot
2. Cherry leaf spot
3. Powdery mildew

