## Canada Red Chokecherry







This tough, hardy, and colorful ornamental choke cherry is perfect for difficult spots, tolerating heat, cold, wind and poor soil.



## Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'

- <u>Use</u>: This native American chokecherry variety boasts green leaves in the spring that turn into a stunning dark purple in the mid-summer. The chokecherry fruits are considered poisonous when raw, but can be processed into jams and preserves. Ideal for use when an attractive specimen or group of trees is needed in an area with extremely difficult conditions. Useful as a lawn tree, in parkway plantings, open spaces, wildlife gardens, natural prairies and homesteads.
- Exposure/Soil: Full to part sun. It is tolerant of pollution and all soils except very wet or chalky. This is a stunning profuse flowering cherry tree that has received the RHS Award of Garden Merit and is well worthy of a space in any sized garden. They are not drought-tolerant, so proper watering is a must.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; to 20-25 ft tall, somewhat less of a spread at 15-20' wide, oval to rounded crown, straight trunk.
- Hardiness: Zone 2-10; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves are green at first then becoming dark purple, by June about 90% of the foliage is purple, leaves on new growth and root suckers at this time are green.
- <u>Flower:</u> In spring hanging clusters of white flowers that are each 3-5" in length and are followed by reddish-purple edible fruit.