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*Prunus caroliniana*

[Synonyms : *Laurocerasus carolinianus*]

**WILD ORANGE** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern United States it has small fragrant, creamy-white flowers.

It is also known as American cherry laurel, American mock orange, Bird cherry, Carolina cherry laurel, Carolina laurelcherry, Cherry laurel, Laurel cherry, Mock orange, *Wilde Perzik* (Dutch), Wild peach, and Winter laurel.

The leaves are aromatic when crushed.

Warning – the bitter almond-tasting leaves and the branches (particularly when injured or wilted) are poisonous for humans and most animals and the tiny, shiny black fruit can be toxic for children.

*Caroliniana* means ‘of or from North or South Carolina (United States)’.

Young leaves are browsed by deer.

The tree has been cultivated as an ornamental and has often been pruned for hedging or screening.