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Prunus glandulosa

[Synonyms : *Cerasus glandulosa*, *Cerasus japonica* var. *glandulosa*, *Prunus sinensis*]

DWARF FLOWERING ALMOND is a deciduous shrub. Native to central and northern China and to Japan, it has small pink or white flowers.

It is also known as Almond cherry, *Cerezo chinesco* (Spanish), *Cerisier de Chine* (French), Chinese bush cherry, Chinese cherry, *Chinese kers* (Dutch), *Chinesischer Kirschbaum* (German), *Ciliegi cinese* (Italian), Flowering almond, *Hosobaniwa ume* (Japanese), *Kimesisk mandelkirsebaer* (Danish), Korean cherry, *Mai li* (Chinese), *Mandelkörbär* (Swedish), Peachbush, Pink flowering almond, and *Shan ying tao* (Chinese) : and in flower language is said to be a symbol of hope (flowering tree).

Glandulosa is derived from Latin *glanduli*- (gland) component meaning ‘glandular’.

Locally the small dark red fruit are preserved or pickled.