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Prunus pumila

[Synonyms : *Cerasus pumila*]

SANDCHERRY is a deciduous shrub (sometimes prostrate). Native to north-eastern United States it has small white flowers.

It is also known as *Cerezo del Canada* (Spanish), *Cerisier Canadien* (French), *Cerisier du Canada* (French), Dwarf American cherry, Dwarf cherry, Great Lakes sandcherry, *Kanadischer Kirsche* (German), *Sandkirsche* (German), and *Zandkers* (Dutch).

In the United States the shrub is protected in the wild as it is considered to be threatened in the States of Arkansas, and Tennessee, and rare in Pennsylvania.

Pumila is Latin (dwarf).

Both the North American Menominee Indians and some of the Chippewa ate the tiny, very dark red fresh fruit and also dried them for future use.