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# Bitter Cherry

*Prunus emarginata*  
Rose Family

- Good for erosion control, privacy hedges & windbreaks
- Adapts to degraded sites
- Rhizomatous; will form dense thickets
- Fruit very bitter but edible; used by several tribes to treat various ailments
- Excellent larval host plant
- Is a food source for elk, mule deer, bears, small mammals & many bird species

