

## Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red Select'

## 'Canada Red Select' Chokecherry

Zone: 2-8

Height: 20'

Width: 20'

Crown: Pyramidal, oval

Growth: Fast

Soil: Loam, sand, clay

pH: Acidic, slightly alkaline

Drainage: Well drained

Drought: Moderate



'Canada Red' is a selection from Bailey's Nursery, chosen for its straight trunk, vigorous growth and excellent purple foliage. Because of its straight trunk it can be trained into a tree form. Alas, it prefers to be a multi-stem tree and will sucker like crazy until it is. Best to plant a multi in the first place.

Now to the tree. New foliage is dark green but it turns dark purple in a few weeks. Thus during summer you will have a tree with green leaves on the ends of branches and purple leaves farther back. In fall all the leaves become almost a black purple as you can see above left. Be careful about the site for Canada Red. No standing water is allowed; good aeration is necessary. Cherries are generally subject to disease, but this one seems fairly clean, at least in our area. Robinson Nursery offers Canada Red in bare root whips, branched and multistem trees.