

Botanical Name: Prunus lyonii (P. ilicifolia)

Common Name: Catalina cherry

Type of Plant: dicot: tree/shrub **Character** evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked plant, forming a dense oval to pyramidal or somewhat rounded canopy; narrow in youth, broadens with age

Height 20-30' (50') **Spread** 1/2-3/4 **Growth Rate** rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun best, will survive in shaded locations

Soil well-draining; tolerates heavy adobe soils if kept dry

Hardiness some frost (zones 7-9,12-24); prefers mild coastal environ.

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, ovate-oval (sometimes elliptic); mostly 2-4" (6") long, glossy dark green; petioles are 1/2-1" long

Flowers creamy white, small, in terminal 4-6" long racemes

Fruit a drupe: dark red-black at maturity, edible

Propagation: seed

Usage: a large background mass, screen, or hedge (can be sheared); head high to develop as a tree

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; is fairly drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is needed after established; chlorosis in wet soils

Pruning to shape desired: if flower display is desired, head back

Pests/Diseases Kellogg's white fly, scale, aphids

Special Conditions

Origin: Catalina Island **Family:** Rosaceae