Native Plants

Sand Cherry

Botanical Name: *Prunus pumila*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to partial shade  
**Blooms:** May – June  
**Soil Types/Tolerance:** Dry, sandy soils; drought tolerant.  
**Plant Habit:** Deciduous shrub growing 2-8’ tall  
**Other Notes:** Prolific white flowers in late spring give way to dark purple fruit that can be used to make preserves. Flowers are beneficial for native pollinators and fruit have high wildlife value, providing food for birds and other wildlife.

Black chokeberry

Botanical Name: *Aronia melanocarpa*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to partial shade  
**Blooms:** May – June  
**Soil Types/Tolerance:** Adaptable to a wide range of soil conditions, but prefers slightly acidic, medium moisture conditions.  
**Plant Habit:** An open, upright deciduous shrub, 3-6’ tall, with clusters of showy white flowers and black, drooping fruit clusters in fall. Dark green leaves turn beautiful red in the fall.  
**Other Notes:** A good food source for songbirds and other wildlife. Flowers are very attractive to native pollinators. Fruits are high in antioxidants and can be used in baking, to make preserves, tea, wine, and syrups but are not particularly palatable raw.

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