

## *Prunus cerasoides*

**Botanical Name:** *Prunus cerasoides*

**Common Name:** Padmak, Dwarf Cherry, Painyu

### **Morphological Characters**

Tree up to 15 m tall. Leaves ovate or oblong-elliptic, 5-12 cm by 3-4 cm, shortly acuminate, margins finely serrate, 2-5 small glands at apex of leaf stalk. Flowers 1-3 together, on stalks 1-2 cm long, unfolding with the young leaves; petals pink. Fruit ellipsoid, 1-1.3 cm by 0.5 cm, yellow and red.



### **Growing season and Type**

- 1) The tree flowers in autumn and winter. Flowers are hermaphroditic and are pinkish white in color. It has ovoid yellow fruit that turns red as it ripens.
- 2) Fruit -15mm in diameter, the fruit can be eaten raw or cooked.
- 3) Gum -Gum is chewed and obtained from the trunk. It can be employed as a substitute for gum tragacanth.
- 4) Seed - It can be eaten raw or cooked.



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- 1) Fruit of *Prunus cerasoides*
- 2) Leaf of *Prunus cerasoides*
- 3) Tree of *Prunus cerasoides*

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