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FEIS ABBREVIATION:
PRUPUM

SYNONYMS:

Cerasus pumila (L.) Michx. ssp. *besseyi* (Bailey) W.A. Weber

P. besseyi Bailey

P. pumila L. ssp. *besseyi* (Bailey) Nizhnikev

=*Prunus pumila* L. var. *besseyi* (Bailey) Gleason

P. depressa Pursh

=*Prunus depressa* (Pursh) Gleason

Cerasus pumila (L.) Michx.

=*Prunus pumila* L. var. *pumila*

P. cuneata Raf.

P. pumila L. *cuneata* (Raf.) Bailey

Prunus susquehanae hort. ex Willd.

=*Prunus pumila* L. var. *susquehanae* (hort. ex Willd.) Jaeger [[10](#),[13](#),[43](#)]

NRCS PLANT CODE [[80](#)]:

PRPU3

PRPUS

PRPUP

PRPUD

PRPUB

COMMON NAMES:

sand cherry

western sand cherry

eastern sand cherry

Great Lakes sand cherry

Sesquehana sand cherry

TAXONOMY:

The scientific name of sand cherry is *Prunus pumila* L. (Rosaceae). Some systematists recognize 4 varieties of sand cherry [[10](#),[13](#),[43](#)].

Prunus pumila L. var. *besseyi* (Bailey) Gleason, western sand cherry

Prunus pumila L. var. *depressa* (Pursh) Gleason, eastern sand cherry

Prunus pumila L. var. *pumila*, Great Lakes sand cherry

Prunus pumila L. var. *susquehanae* (hort. ex Willd.) Jaeger, Sesquehana sand cherry

Varieties are referred to by their common names in this review.

LIFE FORM:

shrub

FEDERAL LEGAL STATUS:

None

OTHER STATUS:

Sand cherry is state listed as threatened in Arkansas, and Tennessee. Eastern sand cherry is state listed as threatened in Massachusetts and New York. Great Lakes sand cherry is listed as endangered in New York and presumed extirpated in Ohio. Sesquehana sand cherry is state listed as threatened in Ohio and presumed extirpated in North Carolina [80].

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