

**SPECIES: Prunus pumila**

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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) Nizhnik

=*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

Sesquehanna 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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