



THE DOWNY BUSH CHERRY OF NORTH CHINA. (PRUNUS TOMENTOSA THUNB., S. P. I. No. 46534.)

The extreme hardiness of this species make it a promising dooryard shrub for the northern Great Plains region. It has grown well at Ottawa, Canada. While its flowers are too delicate to make this shrub ideal as an ornamental, it is one of the earliest of all the cherries to bloom, and its dark-green downy foliage and deep-red juicy cherries of good flavor make it a most attractive dwarf fruiting shrub. Worked upon the wild Chinese peach (*Amgdalus davidiana*) it is said to be longer lived than on its own roots. (Photographed by Peter Bisset at the Yarrow Plant Introduction Gardens, Rockville, Md., May 5, 1919; P25126FS.)