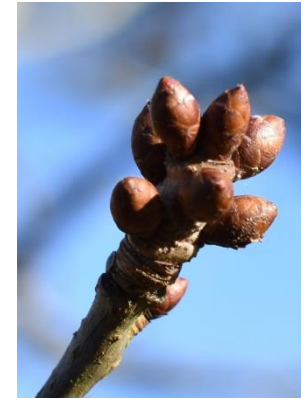


# Wild Cherry *Prunus avium*

Winter twigs have oval-shaped buds in clusters



Wild Cherry is one of the prettiest native trees. In April the trees are showered with glorious white blossom, just before the leaves appear.



Wild Cherry is a medium to large deciduous tree, growing up to 30 metres, with a conical to broad crown. Wild Cherry grow best in full sun, growing rapidly and tall and straight. They produces abundant suckers so regenerate freely.

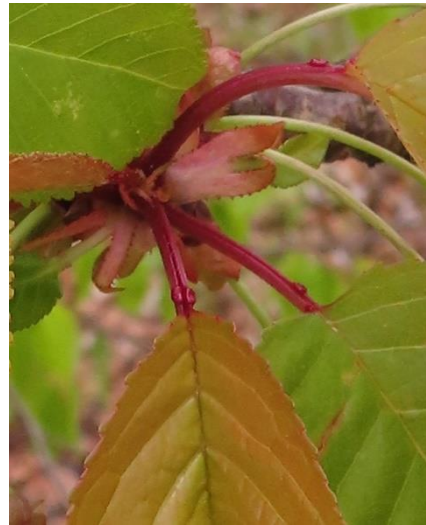
The flowers are pollinated by insects, providing an early source of nectar and pollen.



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The leaves have two red glands on the stalk at the leaf base.



Leaves are rather thin and limp, pointed and toothed. After pollination the flowers develop into dark red cherries.



## Interesting Facts:

The cherries on the Wild Cherry tree tend to be bitter but birds like them and spread the stones.

In the Latin name of the species (*Prunus avium*), *avium* means 'of the birds'.



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Cherry leaves turn red or yellow in autumn.



Cherry bark is smooth at first, shiny grey or reddish-brown with a metallic sheen. It has peeling horizontal bands called lenticels.

