**ROSACEAE**

*Prunus emarginata* (Dougld.) Walpers

**Prem**

bittercherry

**FORM:** Tall shrub to small tree, 2-15m (7-50ft) tall.

**IDAHO CHAMPION:** var. *mollis*: 1966. 8.6 dbh, 27in circum. * 52ft tall * 4.5 crown=84pts; Priest Lake RD, Kaniksu NF.

**BARK:** Deep reddish-brown or greyish, horizontal lenticels, tending to break and curl cross-wise; crushed twigs have peach-pit odor and bitter taste.

**BUDS:** Shiny, small, sticky buds, 6mm long with several bud scales.

**LEAVES:** Alternate, deciduous, elliptic, light green, margins finely toothed; apex rounded; 1 or 2 glands located on base of leaf blade (1).

**FLOWERS:** White, 5-8 in a loose, short, rounded cluster; May-June.

**FRUIT:** Bitter, bright red drupe 5-10mm, drying dark.

**SIMILAR SPECIES:** *Prunus virginiana*, p.57, petiole glands; and *Amelanchier alnifolia*, p.36.