

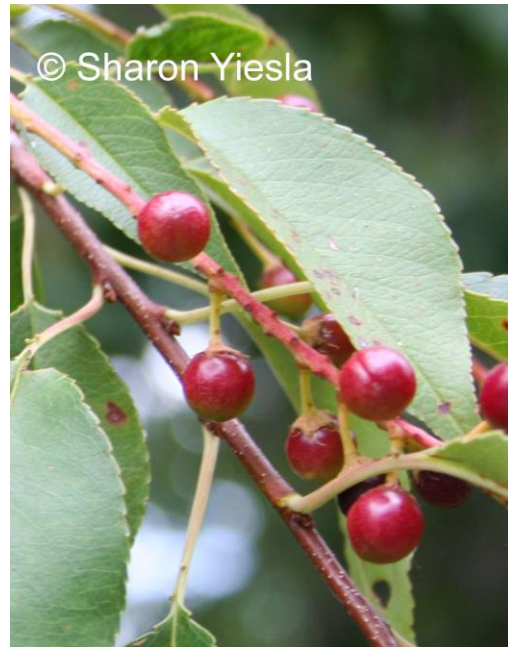


**Drupe:** outer fleshy fruit surrounds a hard 'stone' or pit which encloses the seed. Example: the genus *Prunus* (peaches, plums).

Plants in the genus *Prunus*, like peach, nectarine and cherry (pictured) are often referred to as 'stone fruits', because they produce drupes, which have a hard stone or pit in their center.



Some cherry trees, like this black cherry (*Prunus serotina*) produce small fruit, the size of peas. Despite their small size, they still contain a hard stone and are considered drupes.



Not all plants that produce drupes belong to the genus *Prunus*. Sassafras also has drupes.



White fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*.) also produces drupes.

