Late Red Flowering Peach

Prunus persica 'Late Red'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Common Peach, Late Double Red Flowering Peach

Description:

A highly ornamental but rather sensitive tree for landscape use, featuring very showy double red flowers in late spring before the leaves on an upright spreading form

Ornamental Features

Late Red Flowering Peach is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant double red flowers along the branches in late spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Late Red Flowering Peach is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Insects
- Disease



Late Red Flowering Peach flowers
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Late Red Flowering Peach in bloom
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Late Red Flowering Peach is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Late Red Flowering Peach will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.