Oakville Crimson Spire Plum

Prunus cerasifera 'Oakville Crimson Spire'



Oakville Crimson Spire Plum
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Myrobalan Plum, Pissard Plum

Description:

A rigidly columnar an extremely colorful feature tree blanketed in a cloud of white flowers with pink stamens in spring; burgundy foliage all season long; branches are almost parallel the trunk; an ideal garden, screen, or street tree

Ornamental Features

Oakville Crimson Spire Plum is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches from early to mid spring. It has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy purple drupes displayed in mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Oakville Crimson Spire Plum is a dense deciduous tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Oakville Crimson Spire Plum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Oakville Crimson Spire Plum will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.