Goldrush Amur Cherry

Prunus maackii 'Goldrush'



Goldrush Amur Cherry
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 35 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Amur Chokecherry

Description:

A spectacular and hardy accent tree with a uniformly upright growth habit; panicles of white flowers in spring, good fall color, and radiant golden-bronze bark, very showy in winter; best in full sun and well-drained soil; resistant to frost cracking

Ornamental Features

Goldrush Amur Cherry features showy racemes of fragrant white flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding lemon yellow in the fall. The black fruits are held in clusters in late summer. The peeling antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Goldrush Amur Cherry is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Goldrush Amur Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Goldrush Amur Cherry will grow to be about 35 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.