Ming Cherry

Prunus maackii 'Ming'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Amur Chokecherry

Description:

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

Ornamental Features

Ming 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 yellow in the fall. The peeling antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Ming 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.

Ming Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



Ming Cherry
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Ming Cherry bark
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Planting & Growing

Ming Cherry will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 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.



Ming Cherry in fall
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