Rancho Sargent Cherry

Prunus sargentii 'Rancho'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A beautiful, disease resistant specimen tree, featuring a stunning display of pink flowers in early spring before the leaves; its narrow vase habit, ornamental glossy reddish-brown bark, and good fall color make this a great accent tree on the landscape

Ornamental Features

Rancho Sargent Cherry is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of gold, orange and brick red in the fall. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer. The smooth brick red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Rancho Sargent Cherry is a deciduous tree with an indistinguished 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 is a relatively low maintenance tree, 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.



Rancho Sargent Cherry flowers
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Rancho Sargent Cherry in bloom
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Rancho Sargent Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Rancho Sargent Cherry will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 50 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.



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