Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry

Prunus serrulata 'Wase-Miyako'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

One of the prettiest flowering ornamentals, featuring a memorable performance of semi-double soft pink flowers in early spring before the leaves on a decidedly upright and pyramidal plant, a superior form for home landscape use

Ornamental Features

Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant semi-double shell pink flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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. 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;

- Messy
- Disease



Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry flowers
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Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry in bloom
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Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Wase-Miyako Flowering Cherry will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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.