Zabel's Cherry Laurel

Prunus laurocerasus 'Zabeliana'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: English Laurel, Common Laurel



Zabel's Cherry Laurel flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Zabel's Cherry Laurel foliage
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Description:

A lovely low growing laurel with a very horizontal spreading habit; the narrow willow-like foliage is deep dark green and glossy and remains that way all season; blooms are clustered in racemes arching from the top of branches for a waterfall effect

Ornamental Features

Zabel's Cherry Laurel features showy racemes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The small glossy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Zabel's Cherry Laurel is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging 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 shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Zabel's Cherry Laurel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Zabel's Cherry Laurel will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.