White Flowering Cherry

Prunus serrulata 'Alborosea'



White Flowering Cherry flowers
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Oriental Cherry, Japanese Cherry

Description:

A breathtaking variety of flowering cherry, with pretty double white and pink flowers emerging along with the burgundy leaves in early spring which fade to green in summer, bronze bark, good fall color, very shapely; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

White Flowering Cherry is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant double shell pink flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive ruby-red flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive deep purple-tipped dark green foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

White Flowering 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 is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

White Flowering Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

White Flowering Cherry will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.