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Accolade Flowering Cherry

Prunus 'Accolade'



Accolade Flowering Cherry in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A ravishingly beautiful spring flowering accent tree, featuring semi-double deep pink flowers before the leaves, attractive reddish-brown bark and a beautiful, open habit of growth; needs full sun and well-drained soil, quite tough for a cherry



Accolade Flowering Cherry flowers
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Ornamental Features

Accolade Flowering Cherry is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant semi-double pink flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red 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

Accolade Flowering Cherry is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded 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 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.

Accolade Flowering Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

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Planting & Growing

Accolade Flowering Cherry will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.