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Yoshino Cherry

Prunus x yedoensis

Height: 40 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

An upright tree, with an arching spread, covered in early spring with white flowers lightly blushed with pink; yellow fall color with a hint of bronze; black fruits are bitter but loved by birds; an extraordinary landscape accent



Yoshino Cherry in bloom
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Yoshino Cherry flowers
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Ornamental Features

Yoshino Cherry features showy clusters of fragrant white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. However, the fruit can be messy in the landscape and may require occasional clean-up. The smooth brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Yoshino 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 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yoshino Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Yoshino Cherry will grow to be about 40 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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.



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