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Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry

Prunus serrulata 'Royal Burgundy'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Oriental Cherry, Japanese Cherry

Description:

An exciting new variety of flowering cherry, with pretty double reddish-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

Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant double cherry red 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

Royal Burgundy 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.



Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry flowers
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Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry in bloom
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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

Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Royal Burgundy 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.



Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry in bloom
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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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.