



Cherry (Flowering), Accolade Prunus 'Accolade'

Height: 25 feet Spread: 25 feet Sunlight: O

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

Ornamental Features

Cherry (Flowering), Accolade is smothered in stunning clusters of 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.



Cherry (Flowering), Accolade in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Cherry (Flowering), Accolade flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Cherry (Flowering), Accolade 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 and bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cherry (Flowering), Accolade is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Planting & Growing

Cherry (Flowering), Accolade will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.

Special Attributes

The flowering cherry trees flower before they leaf out. generally don't produce fruit because the frost kills the blooms, but if they do fruit they would be a few 1/4 inch purple cherries mostly the pit.