Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain

Prunus 'Snow Fountains'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A breathtaking new garden accent shrub with an abundance of snowy white flowers in early spring on a gracefully weeping and arching plant; merits use as a solitary where it can be appreciated, requires some training; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds before the leaves. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in early fall. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain in bloom
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Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain flowers
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- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Cherry, Flowering Weeping Snow Fountain will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 3 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 40 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



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Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (2): Abundant flowers in early spring before the tree leaves out and if the tree develops fruit will be pea sized mostly pit turning from red to black in early summer. The fruit is unpalatable for humans but birds and wildlife like them. The leaves, flowers and fruit can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged.