Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill

Prunus laurocerasus 'Chestnut Hill'



Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: English Laurel, Common Laurel

Description:

A very compact, slow growing form of cherry laurel; produces showy, fragrant, erect white spike flowers, freely flowering, black fruit and glossy dark-green leaves; makes a stunning hedge or accent plant, takes pruning very well

Ornamental Features

Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill features showy racemes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer.



Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an indistinguished 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Laurel, Cherry Chestnut Hill will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.