Cherry, Flowering Akebono Yoshino

Prunus x yedoensis 'Akebono'



Cherry, Flowering Akebono Yoshino in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A beautiful hybrid of the flowering cherry that has an abundance of showy light pink flowers in early spring and a rounded habit of growth; needs full sun and well-drained soil. It generally doesn't produce fruit, or few if any.

Ornamental Features

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



Cherry, Flowering Akebono Yoshino flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Cherry, Flowering Akebono Yoshino 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 Akebono Yoshino is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Cherry, Flowering Akebono Yoshino will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from 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 40 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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.