Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV)

Prunus cerasifera 'Krauter Vesuvius'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Myrobalan Plum, Pissard Plum

Description:

An upright-growing and colorful feature tree blanketed in a cloud of pink flowers in spring, rich deep purple foliage all season long; tends to grow more vase shaped than other selections, best used as a solitary front yard accent or in street plantings

Ornamental Features

Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV) is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The fruits are showy purple drupes displayed in mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV) 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.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy



Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV) in bloom
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Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV) flowers
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Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



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Planting & Growing

Plum, Krauter Vesuvius (KV) will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 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 approximately 30 years.

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 type or pH. 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.

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

Clean Up Rating (4): The plums develop a few to some 2 to 3 inch plums dropping during the summer. Clean up is scoop or pick up plums and bag them. Leaves and blooms can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mow or bag.