



Ming Cherry

Prunus maackii 'Ming'

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 16 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Amur Chokecherry

Description:

A spectacular accent tree with an upright oval growth habit; racemes of white flowers in spring, followed by small, glossy black cherries in late summer; yellow fall colour, and reddish-bronze bark, very showy in winter; resistant to frost cracking

Ornamental Features

Ming Cherry features showy racemes of fragrant white flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. The peeling antique red bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Ming Cherry is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 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 and bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ming Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;



- Accent
- Shade
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Ming Cherry will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Ming Cherry in bloom
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