Shidare Yoshino Cherry

Prunus x yedoensis 'Shidare Yoshino'



Shidare Yoshino Cherry in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Weeping Yoshino Cherry

Description:

One of the renowned Japanese flowering cherry hybrids, this feature tree has a gracefully weeping habit of growth, and is smothered in racemes of showy white flowers in early spring; commands a place of prominence in the front yard with lots of room



Shidare Yoshino Cherry flowers
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Ornamental Features

Shidare Yoshino Cherry is smothered 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 yellow in 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

Shidare Yoshino Cherry is a deciduous tree with 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Shidare Yoshino Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent

Planting & Growing

Shidare Yoshino Cherry will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.