Spire Flowering Cherry

Prunus 'Spire'



Spire Flowering Cherry in fall
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

An amazingly beautiful spring flowering accent tree with a narrowly columnar habit of growth, features single pink flowers before the leaves, attractive reddish-brown bark and good fall color; needs full sun and well-drained soil, adaptable for a cherry

Ornamental Features

Spire Flowering Cherry is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant shell pink flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Spire Flowering Cherry is a deciduous tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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 to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spire Flowering Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Spire Flowering Cherry will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 50 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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