Versicolor Flowering Peach

Prunus persica 'Versicolor'



Versicolor Flowering Peach flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Common Peach

Description:

A highly ornamental but rather sensitive tree for landscape use, featuring stunning soft pink, and dark pink-red flowers on the same tree; great as an eye catching accent or screening



Versicolor Flowering Peach in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Versicolor Flowering Peach features showy clusters of fragrant double shell pink flowers with rose overtones along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Versicolor Flowering Peach 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 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;

- Messy
- Insects
- Disease

Versicolor Flowering Peach is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Versicolor Flowering Peach will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 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 type or pH. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.