East Bay Nursery

Akebono Yoshino Cherry

Prunus x yedoensis 'Akebono'



Akebono Yoshino Cherry in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A hybrid of the Japanese flowering cherry that's smothered in clusters of showy light pink flowers in early spring and a rounded habit of growth; memorable to a fault when in bloom so give a place of prominence, needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Akebono Yoshino Cherry is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant shell pink flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive 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.



Akebono Yoshino Cherry flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Akebono Yoshino Cherry 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;

- Disease

Akebono Yoshino Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Akebono Yoshino Cherry will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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 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.