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The Best of Every Season

Kwanzan Flowering Cherry

Prunus serrulata 'Kwanzan'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 30 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Oriental Cherry, Japanese Cherry

Description:

Arguably the most popular of the Japanese cherries, this outstanding selection is covered in showy double pink flowers in early spring before the leaves; stunning bronze bark, good fall color, very shapely; needs full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

Kwanzan Flowering Cherry is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant double rose flowers along the branches in early spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Kwanzan Flowering Cherry is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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.



Kwanzan Flowering Cherry flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Kwanzan Flowering Cherry in bloom
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This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care 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

Kwanzan Flowering Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



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Planting & Growing

Kwanzan Flowering Cherry will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.