

Prunus / Fruiting Cherry Trees - Growing Guide

Growing Fruiting Cherries

Prunus

Some of the cherry species which produce fruit are just as impressive as the Japanese flowering cherries which do not. Others, however, are grown for their fruit and the flowers are not that impressive by comparison. We do not stock plums (*P. x domestica*) or peaches (*P. persica*).

Not all of the fruiting cherries are large trees.

1. Dwarf growing and medium shrub fruiting cherries

P. tenella 'Fire Hill' is a form of the dwarf Russian almond which grows as a suckering spreading shrub into a 5x5ft shrub in maturity. It has bowl shaped dark pink flowers in March and small almond-like grey-yellow fruit in the autumn. This is a mixed border or even a rockery plant and thrives when grown with heathers in a peaty heather bed.



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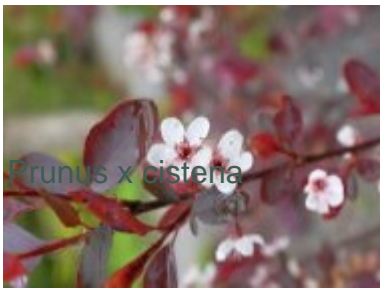
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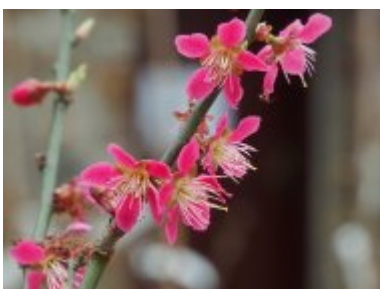
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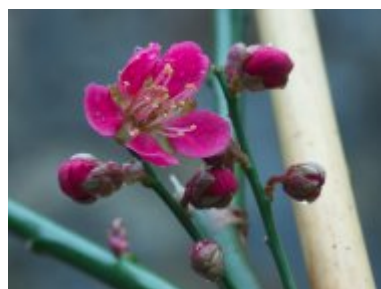
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Prunus mume 'Beni-chidori'



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P. mume 'Omoi-no-mama' grows to a similar height but has semi-double pink flowers.

P. nipponica var. *kurilensis* 'Brilliant' has a compact dwarf habit with white flowers which fade to soft pink.



Prunus nipponica 'Brilliant'



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Prunus triloba



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P. cerasifera 'Nigra', the cherry plum, grows to around 30ft and produces plum-like edible red or yellow fruit. Its leaves are red when young then turning dark purple-red. The leaves offset the pale pink flowers which fade to white nicely. We have found that this tree will fruit in the nursery but not perhaps every year. As a foliage plant in the garden it stands out superbly and is therefore a multipurpose tree!



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Prunus spinosa



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