

Northstar Cherry

Prunus 'Northstar'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:



Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Sour Cherry

Description:

A compact-growing fruit tree featuring showy white flowers in spring followed by large dark red sour cherries in mid summer, excellent for pies and jam; an ideal size for backyard orchards, needs full sun and well-drained soil, self-pollinating and hardy

Ornamental Attributes:

Northstar Cherry is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green foliage throughout the season. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The fruits are showy dark red drupes carried in abundance in mid summer, which are excellent for cooking and baking, making jams and jellies and wine-making but which can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit. The smooth dark red bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



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Landscape Attributes:

Northstar Cherry is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Northstar Cherry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Edible Landscaping
- Accent

Plant Characteristics:

Northstar Cherry will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 approximately 30 years.

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.

This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.