

## Prunus nigra

### (Cherry Plum )

Cherry plum is very old European hybrid with a rounded canopy. The leaves are red in color which gives decorative look all season. In spring its all covered with pink flowers and later on followed by small edible apple like fruits. Compare to other plums it can tolerate more heat therefore can be used in the Mediterranean landscape. Can be trained into a hedge also.



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Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Prunier noir

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** North America

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Serrulate

**Leaf Textures:** Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Red

**Color(changing season):** Brown

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Pink

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Pome

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Fruit Colors:** Red

**Seasons:** Spring

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## Horticulture Management

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### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Caterpillars, Scales, Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Grafting

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