

Eugenia uniflora

(Surinam Cherry)

Surinam Cherry is an excellent shrub or small tree for screens or hedges or for edible gardens, with smooth, shiny, aromatic leaves which are bright red when young. It has red and orange fruits that are edible. The fruit's flavor ranges from peppery and sour (bright red) to spicy and sweet (darker red). They can be used in preserves or as fresh juice. And because of these magnificent colors, wildlife is attracted to it such as birds and squirrels/mammals.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: yoo-JEE-nee-uh yoo-nih-FLOR-uh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: South America, Brazil

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Container, Edible, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: oval, Vase

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m, 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years, 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Glossy

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green, Red, Purple

Color(changing season): Green, Red, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Orange, Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Caterpillars, Scales

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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