

Prunus 'Accolade'
Ornamental cherry ´Accolade´, Accolade Cherry, Flowering Cherry 'Accolade'



Prunus 'Accolade' (Ornamental cherry 'Accolade', Flowering Cherry 'Accolade') is among the earliest blossoming ornamental cherries and therefore a real harbinger of spring. It is a crossbred product by Knap Hill Nurseries in England, from 1952. This tree is probably a hybrid between *Prunus sargentii* and *Prunus* x *subhirtella*, with *subhirtella* contributing to the early blossom. *Prunus* 'Accolade' has a vase-shaped crown with horizontal, parallel branches and therefore grows to be reasonably wide. The tree grows up to 6 to 8 metres tall and 4 to 6 metres wide.

The ornamental cherry 'Accolade' blossoms early, from as soon as the beginning of April, with pink, half-filled flowers. The blossom is abundant and lasts for no less than three weeks. After the blossom, the bronze-coloured leaves emerge and in the summer these turn bright green. The autumn colour is a spectacular yellow-orange. The leaves are the shape of an elongated oval with a pointed end. The semi-open crown of the *Prunus* 'Accolade' filters the sunlight, which prevents an overly solid shadow ever being formed. The bark of the tree is light-brown with lenticels.

The family that ornamental cherries belong to - the *Rosacea* - are susceptible to many diseases. *Prunus* 'Accolade' is an exception to this and is in fact a very healthy tree. Place this ornamental cherry in a sunny position, out of the wind, and make sure it is definitely not exposed to sea winds. The soil should ideally be damp, nutrient-rich and easily rootable. *Prunus* 'Accolade' is a truly beautiful park tree, which can also be used well in gardens and - when grown as a high-stem - it is even suitable as a street tree, in a large tree pit.

SEASONAL COLOURS

jan	feb	mar	apr	mei	jun	jul	aug	sep	okt	nov	dec

TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees, multi-stemmed trees, solitary shrubs | **Topiary on stem**: multi-stem umbrella

USE

Location: street, avenue, square, park, central reservation, large garden | **Pavement**: none, open

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure**: semi-open | **Height**: 5 - 7 m | **Width**: 3 - 5 m | **Winter hardiness zone**: 6A - 9B

ASPECTS

Wind: intolerant to wind | **Soil**: loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level**: moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level**: moist | **Light requirements**: sun | **pH range**: acidic, neutral, alkaline (7.8 - 8.2)

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Flowers: raceme, half filled, flower-scented | **Flower colour**: pink | **Flowering period**: April - April | **Leaf colour**: green | **Leaves**: deciduous, ovoid, dentate | **Autumn colour**: yellow, orange-red | **Fruits**: no fruit | **Bark colour**: grey-brown | **Bark**: slightly furrowed | **Twig colour**: dark brown | **Twigs**: bare, horizontal branches, pendulous | **Root system**: shallow, central root

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