

# Prunus 'Umineko'

## Japanese cherry 'Umineko'



*Prunus* 'Umineko' (Japanese cherry 'Umineko') was successfully cross-bred by the English captain and botanist Collingwood Ingram in 1928. The tree is a hybrid between *Prunus incisa* and *Prunus serrulata* var. *speciosa*. The name Umineko means seagull in Japanese, referring to the species' pearly white blossoms. Young trees are narrow and vase-shaped, similar even to a fastigate tree. When it is older, the Japanese cherry 'Umineko' starts to droop a little. *Prunus* 'Umineko' can reach a height of up to 9 metres, and a width of up to about 4 metres after sagging.

*Prunus* 'Umineko' blooms single, hanging flower racemes in April. The fragrant flowers start out snow-white, and then the heart of the flowers turn pink. Simultaneous with the blossoms, the leaves bud green. The oval, dentate foliage buds dark green in summer, and a beautiful orange-red in autumn. The tree does not bear fruit. The 'Umineko' cultivar has grey-brown, smooth bark with lenticels. The older the tree, the coarser the bark becomes.

The Japanese cherry 'Umineko' is absolutely suitable for planting in squares, car parks and park-like situations. Despite the tree drooping somewhat when it is older, *Prunus* 'Umineko' remains good for use in small gardens and streets because of its shape and rich blossoms. Do ensure a decent, underground growth environment. The 'Umineko' cultivar can handle wind very well, but does not like draught, soil compaction or soil that is too wet. For the best growth and blooms, plant *Prunus* 'Umineko' in a sunny environment in light, nutrient-rich and slightly acidic soil.

### SEASONAL COLOURS



### TYPES OF PLANTING

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

### USE

**Location:** street, square, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, large garden, small garden, patio, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones | **Pavement:** none, open

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** narrow egg-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 6 - 9 m | **Width:** 3 - 4 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 6A - 8B

### ASPECTS

**Wind:** tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, peaty, heavy clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil, all soils | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** dry, moist | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic, neutral, alkaline (7.5 - 8.2) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees | **Extreme environments:** tolerates air pollution

### PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** raceme, striking, pendulous, singular, small, scented | **Flower colour:** white | **Flowering period:** April - April | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, ovoid, dentate | **Autumn colour:** orange-red | **Fruits:** no fruit | **Bark colour:** grey-brown | **Bark:** smooth | **Twig colour:** grey-brown | **Twigs:** bare, vertical branches | **Root system:** shallow, compact