

Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra'

Black Cherry Plum



Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra' in early spring

Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra' is a small to medium sized deciduous tree popular both in the garden as well as often being utilised within urban planting.

It starts in early spring with deep pink buds from which emerge pretty single pink flowers which gently fade to white as its dark foliage appears.

The deep blackish-purple leaves remain on the tree until autumn when they turn a brighter red before falling.

Traditionally a fruiting variety it often produces small juicy dark red plums around 2 to 3cm across but this should not be relied upon.

Extremely tough it is tolerant to a wide range of conditions and soils but will thrive in full sun and in soils that are well drained.

Growing around 20-30cm a year it develops from a conical shape turning in maturity into a rounded crown with a fully mature height of around 5 to 7m with a 3 to 6m spread.

Plant Profile

Name:	Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra'
Common Name:	Black Cherry Plum
Family:	Rosaceae
Growth:	20-30cm a year
Height:	5m to 7m
Width:	3m to 6m
Demands:	Any well drained soil sunny to slightly shady
Foliage:	Deciduous, elliptical dark blackish purple leaves
Flower:	Single Pink Flowers in spring
Fruit:	Dark Red Plums, 2-3cm in width



Single Pink Flowers in Spring

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The *Prunus cerasifera*
'Nigra' was awarded the
RHS Award of Garden
Merit (AGM) in 1993



Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra' in blossom



Dark Blackish Purple Foliage



Pretty Pink Blossom in Spring



Multi Stem Black Cherry Plum in Summer



Standard Specimens in Summer