PLANT FACT SHEET

Prunus x yedoensis Matsumura

GENUS *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Tokyo cherry, Yoshino cherry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 12 m tall. It is a broad spreading shape. The bark is purple-grey with thick bands of corky lenticels. The leaves are narrowly oval and 11 cm long by 6 cm wide. They taper to the tip. There are sharp teeth along the edge. The young leaves are downy on both sides but become smooth and glossy above. The flowers are 4 cm across and pale pink to white. They have 5 petals with a notch at the tip. They are borne in small clusters. The fruit is a nearly round cherry. It is 1.2 cm across. It is red but ripens to black.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to Japan. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. Burnie Rhodo gardens. National Arboretum Canberra.

NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

PICTURES



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