PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Prunus serrulata* Lindl.

**GENUS** *Prunus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Japanese flowering cherry, Mountain cherry

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Flowers, Fruit, Seeds

## DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It has wide spreading branches. It grows 3-4.5 m high. The bark is brown and ringed with breathing pores. The leaves are oval. There is an abrupt tip and rounded base. There are sharp teeth along the edge. The flowers are white or pink. They occur in large clusters. The fruit are small and black.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In northern China it grows between 400-1,500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 5-9. Arboretum Tasmania. Melbourne Botanical Gardens.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

It does not breed true from seed. Budding or grafting should be used.

## NOTES

There are about 200 Prunus species.

## PICTURES



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