



## Cherry Plum *Prunus c. Krauter Vesuvius*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 3-22	Full sun	Requires fast draining, well aerated soil	Moderate to regular watering	Single light pink flowers	To 18 feet tall

Cherry Plum is a deciduous much-branched tree, up to 7.5 m tall and freely suckering, with a smooth, dark bark, which becomes crinkled with age. It has been widely introduced into hedges and as an ornamental tree. Young twigs are often green unlike Blackthorn. Pure white flowers appear in late February or early March, long before the leaves. The 5-petalled flowers occur singly or, occasionally, in pairs on short stalks, 5-15 mm long. The fruit, spherical, yellow or reddish, is cherry sized, but is only produced in favourable years. A form with pinkish flowers and purple leaves is very commonly grown in gardens or as a street tree. It is one of the parents of the cultivated plums and greengages. It is a native from Russian Central Asia and Iran, through the Caucasus to the Baltic peninsula