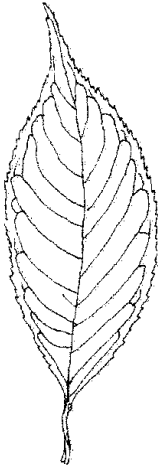


Higin cherry



GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Along with *P. sargentii* the Higin Cherry is a very adaptable long lived cherry. It provides an attractive display of white to pinkish flowers in April before the leaves emerge. It is moderate in size (20-40' high) and upright and somewhat open spreading habit that fits in well with other plantings. The leaves are moderate in size and turn an attractive yellow in the fall. The bark is a weeping gray-brown with horizontal lenticles that gives it winter interest. The actual species is not often found in gardens, rather the several cultivars especially 'Pendula' which is a favorite weeping form and is often the scion for the small weeping cherries that are so common in small landscapes.

HABIT AND SIZE: 20-40' high and 15-30' wide with an upright spreading to rounded form. It has a forked trunk and erect twiggy branches with slender whip-like twigs.

LANDSCAPE VALUE: Excellent for the smaller landscape and massed in the larger landscape. Wonderful early spring flowers, open habit, attractive bark. Cultivars excellent.

LEAVES: 1.5-3" long and 1-2" wide, lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate or ovate, abruptly acuminate or short-pointed, narrowed to the base. The margins are doubly sharp-serrate. The color is lustrous green on top and dull with hairs on the veins underneath. The petioles are short and they and the margins are without glands.

FLOWERS: Rose family type 5 parted flowers, 0.5-1" pink to white, on 1" long hairy pedicels, in 2-5 flowered umbels before the foliage emerges in Late March to early April. The bud scales do not enlarge and the sepals are reddish and narrow, cylindrical or somewhat enlarged at the base.

FRUIT: Globose black about 0.33" in diameter.

BUD: Linear acute with overlapping bud scales.

DISEASES AND INSECTS: Not seriously affected by disease or insects.

HARDINESS AND RANGE: Zones 4-8(9). Japan.

CULTIVARS: 'Autumnalis'- semidouble, blooms spring and fall; 'Pendula'- weeping form; 'Yae-shidare-higan'- semi-double with pendulous habit.