

Barbados cherry tree, Malpighia emarginata - Plant

Growing Barbados Cherry is an easy way to add a tropical flair to your garden. When you know its important and how to care for Barbados Cherry plant, you will be rewarded with many years of lovely fruits.

What makes it special:

- Popular for its highest vitamin C content.
- Low maintenance plant.
- Perfect plant for outdoor garden.

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Malpighia emarginata, Barbados cherry Plant

Description for Malpighia emarginata, Barbados cherry

Plant height: 20 - 30 inches (50 - 77 cm)

Plant spread: 4 - 6 inches (10 - 16 cm)

This product does not have the flowers and fruits at the time of shipping. Afterward, the plant will bloom and produce fruits. Malpighia emarginata is an evergreen shrub or small tree with a short bole and spreading branches in the Malpighiaceae family. It usually grows about 2-3 m in height. The branches are brittle. The leaves are simple, opposite, and with small hairs. The flowers are bisexual with five pink or red petals. The fruits are bright red drupes, juicy, and has high vitamin C content making the fruits taste sour. The fruits are edible, usually eaten raw but also made into juices, baby food, jam, etc. It is also grown as ornamental shrub and hedges in Landscaping. Keep spacing for a hedge. It gives fewer fruits in partial shade. It requires warm climate. It can be propagated by seeds, cuttings and other methods. A width of pots should be around 24 inches for single acerola tree. Note: Stinging hairs that may cause skin irritation.

Common name(s): Barbados cherry, West Indian cherry and wild crepe myrtle, Acerola.

Flower colours: Pink

Bloom time: April-October

Max reachable height: Up to 2-3 meter

Difficulty to grow: Easy

Planting and care

Initial care for 1-2 weeks after receiving plant at your location:

- Poke your finger/plain small stick into the soil to check the moisture.
- Apply 4 cup (approx.200ml) of water when the top soil (1-2 inch) in the pot feels dry to touch.
- Keep the plant in indirect bright light.
- Do not re-pot for min. 2 weeks after receiving it.

Key requirements to keep plant healthy:

Sunlight: Natural bright light with morning sunlight(more than 6 hours)

Soil: Well drained, fertile and rich in organic content

Water: Apply 4 cup(approx.200ml) of water when the top soil (1-2 inch) in the pot feels dry to touch

Temperature: 15-30 Degree Celsius

Fertilizer: Apply organic fertilizer once a month during main growing season (February-May)

Caring for Malpighia emarginata

Refer our [Garden Guide](#) for detailed procedures and meanings of words related to gardening.

Sunlight

- Soaking sunlight of more than 6 hours a day is ideal for flowering and fruit development.
- **Watering** should be well drained, fertile and rich in organic content for growing Barbados Cherry plant.
- Poke your finger/plain small stick into the soil to check the moisture.
- Apply 4 cup (approx.200ml) of water when the top soil (1-2 inch) in the pot feels dry to touch.
- Do not overwater the plant.
- As a rule of thumb, water the plants thoroughly in summer and reduce watering in winter and rainy season.
- **Application of Fertilizer** preferably in the morning or evening.
- Before application of fertilizer loosen the topsoil without disturbing the roots of the plant so, it can uptake the nutrients and moisture easily.
- Apply organic fertilizer once a month during the main growing season (February-May)
- **Pest Protection** immediately after application of fertilizer.
- Remove dead, infected or damaged plant parts and discard them away from the plants.
- For any insect attack or disease, you can use Neem oil, Eucalyptus oil or Citrus oil spray for primary treatment.

Don'ts

- Do not overwater the plant specially when pot doesn't have drainage hole.

- Avoid applying water in hot afternoon it may cause fungus infection.

Harvesting

After 1 month from flowering(June - July)

Typical uses of Malpighia emarginata

Special features: Drought tolerant and highest vitamin C content

Culinary use: Ripe fruit is edible and widely consumed in native area, and is cultivated elsewhere for its high vitamin C content. The fruit can be used to make juices and pulps, vitamin C concentrate, and baby food, among other things.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for an ornamental hedge purpose

Medicinal use: Barbados Cherry is most well-known for being extremely rich in vitamin C. Because of this, it's often used to help with various ailments. Note: Please consult your healthcare provider for guidelines.

References

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Reviews

Friday, 14 February 2020

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