

## Malpighia Glabra, Pink Flowering Malpighia - Plant



Malpighia Glabra, Barbados cherry is a shrub or small tree.

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## Description for Malpighia Glabra, Pink Flowering Malpighia

**Plant height:** 3 - 5 inches (7 - 13 cm)

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

grows up to 15 feet tall with widespread branches and evergreen oval leaves. The leaves are evergreen, simple, 0.5-15 cm long, with an entire, wavy margin. The flowers are solitary or in umbels of two to several together, each flower 1-2 cm diameter, with five pink or white petals.

The fruit is a red, orange or purple drupe, containing 2-3 hard seeds. It is sweet and juicy, and very rich in vitamin C, up to 65 times that of an orange.

**Common name(s):** Barbados Cherry, Wild Crapemyrtle, Acerola, Manzanita

**Flower colours:** Pink

**Bloom time:** April through October

**Max reachable height:** 8 to 15 feet

**Difficulty to grow:** Easy to grow

## Planting and care

Choose a warm, sheltered location when growing. The vining varieties require a support structure as some can get 15 feet tall. All plants prefer sun to light shade sites with well-draining and moderately fertile soil. Install the plant in the ground at the same level it was growing in the nursery pot.

**Sunlight:** Full sun, Part shade

**Soil:** Sandy, Sandy Loam, Medium Loam, Clay Loam, Clay, Limestone. Well-drained. Well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 20 to 30 degrees F

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for Malpighia Glabra

- Plant care is not difficult but does require vigilance. The vines need to be trained early when they are young.
- You may use plant ties or just weave them through trellis sections.
- Fertilize the plant in spring just before new growth appears.
- Pinch off the tips of the vines in the second year to promote branching which will fill the trellis with bushy growth.

## Typical uses of Malpighia Glabra

**Special features:** Specimen for lawns or small areas around the home. Border peripheries. Japanese gardens. The ground cover form can be used as a ground cover, on banks or cascaded over walls.

**Culinary use:** Eaten fresh or as a flavoring for drinks. Commonly used in parts of South America to flavor ice creams, drinks, and cocktails.

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for an ornamental purpose.

**Medicinal use:** NA

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