

Malpighia emarginata, Barbados cherry - Plant



Acerola or Acerola Cherry is a tropical fruit-bearing small tree or a shrub.

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Description

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Description for Malpighia emarginata, Barbados cherry

Plant height: 20 - 30 inches

Plant spread: 4 - 6 inches

Malpighia emarginata is a tropical fruit-bearing shrub or small tree. Fruiting may start after 2 to 3 years. The fruits are round, 1/2"-3/4" wide,

bright red to purple, glossy skin, juicy, orange-colored pulp. Green glossy leaves ave wavy margin. Approximately 1 month is required for a fruit to ripen. It has approximately months of the harvest season.

Note: Stinging hairs that may cause skin irritation.

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

Flower colours: Pink

Bloom time: July to September

Max reacahble height: Up to 11 feet

Difficulty to grow:: Easy to grow

Planting and care

Keep spacing 4' for a hedge. It gives fewer fruits in part 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.

Sunlight: Full sun

Soil: Well-drained, dry, with moderate organic content

Water: Medium

Temperature: Up to 30 degrees C

Fertilizer: Apply an organic fertilizer once in 4 months.

Caring for Malpighia emarginata

- Use compost as a mulch to protect roots from high temperatures and reduce evaporation.
- In primary years protect from frost.

Typical uses of Malpighia emarginata

Special features: Drought tolerant

Culinary use: Ripe fruit is eaten out of hand or cooked, strained to remove seeds, and used with added sugar to make syrup or jelly.

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

Medicinal use: NA

References

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