

Malpighia Emarginata, Barbados Cherry - Plant



Small, bright red, berry-sized fruit with a vitamin C content up to 65 times that of an orange. A single fruit contains the minimum daily recommended vitamin C requirements. Fruit resembles the common cherry, with a very tasty sweet flavor having a slight bite of acid.

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Description

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Malpighia emarginata is a tropical fruit-bearing shrub or small tree in the family Malpighiaceae. Common names include acerola, Barbados cherry, West Indian cherry and wild crepe myrtle.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Barbados cherry, West Indian cherry and wild crepe myrtle	Pink	July to September	4.00 to 11.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

plant care may require a bit of effort, but the results are well worth the work. Not all plants are fragrant, but the most common and hardy do produce a sweet, carrying fragrance. Common is a vine and has larger glossy green leaves than Royal. Both can survive in temperate climates if they are planted in a sheltered area.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun	well-drained soil	Medium	30 F and above	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Malpighia Emarginata

- Plant at same depth as it is grown previously and twice as wide.
- If planting more than one plant, space them at least 15 feet apart.
- To plant, remove the plant from pot and gently knock out some soil around the roots.
- Place it in the planting hole and carefully spread the roots out.

- Fill the planting hole with soil and hand-tamp it gently. Water deeply to settle the soil around roots.

Typical uses of Malpighia Emarginata

Special features: Small, bright red, berry-sized fruit with a vitamin C content up to 65 times that of an orange.

References

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