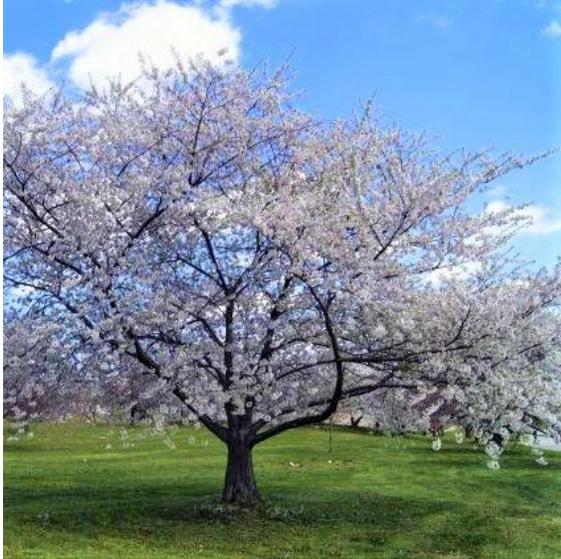


# Bing Cherry



Hardiness: Winter hardy to USDA Zone 4-9

Cold Hardy: Good

Drought Tolerance: Good

Alkali Soil Tolerance: Good

Windbreak Suitability: Fair

Wildlife Benefit: Good

Mature Height: 16-20 ft

The Bing Cherry (*Prunus avium* 'Bing') is positively one of the finest and most famous of the sweet cherry varieties. In early spring, your Bing Cherry tree will be positively glowing when it is **covered in dazzling white flowers**. Later in the spring and during the summer, the Bing Cherry will have bright green leaves, a wonderful contrast to the deep garnet, almost-black fruit. Bing produces a **very large, dark, delicious, cherry with smooth, glossy skin** and has set the standard for flavor for over 100 years. The fruit is firm, extremely juicy and has what has become the classic rich sweet cherry flavor. The Bings commercial success is also based on its heavy production. Dependable year after year come mid-season, the Bings crop of large sweet cherries is **always abundant**. Bing is a perfect cherry for use in baking and preserves. However, your family and friends will not be able to resist eating these mouth-watering juicy cherries right off the tree. High in anti-oxidants, the Bing Cherry is a refreshing, healthy snack on a hot summer day. The Bing Cherry does require cross-pollination, so another cherry tree is needed to produce fruit. **Many cherry varieties will act as pollinators** for the Bing, a few we recommend are the Lapins and Black Tartarian which are the traditional pollinators. We also recommend the Van and Rainier for a little added variation. Rainiers, a popular yellow or blond cherry, or the Van cherry would extend your harvest and produce a plentiful bounty of cherries. This popular, well-loved cherry tree would make a great addition to any your edible landscape both in form and fruit. The sweet cherry is one of the **most desirable fruit varieties for the home garden**.