**Prunus × yedoensis** J. Matsumura

(*Cerasus × yedoensis*)

Yoshino Cherry

- This species is also known as Potamac Cherry and Tokyo Cherry, the later deriving from its famous use along the Potamac River and Tidal Basin in Washington, DC; Yoshio Cherry is an attractive medium size deciduous tree, 25’ to 35’ tall, with a rounded to spreading oval crown and a stoutish short trunk with smooth bark and horizontal lenticels; leaves are 2” to 4” long, more broadly ovate to obovate than most deciduous *Prunus* spp., and they seldom develop any fall color in our region; this species is famous for its billowing clouds of white to light pink mildly almond scented flowers in early to mid-spring; single and double flowering cultivars are available; in our region trees often mature at only 15’ or 20’ in height.

- Some cultivars of Yoshino Cherry can be grown effectively under favorable conditions in the northern portions of our region, although they do not usually attain the size or vigor seen in cooler more mesic climates; trees should be grown only on good quality soils that are well drained and supplemental irrigation is needed during droughts; stressed trees are prone to borer infestations; nice specimens for our region can be seen at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanic Garden; the specific epithet means of Tokyo (of Yedo).

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