



Prunus x 'Hally Jolivette' Hally Jolivette Cherry¹

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INTRODUCTION

'Hally Jolivette' Cherry forms a dense-branching, 15-foot-tall, fast-growing, small tree (Fig. 1). The main delight of growing this tree is the two-week-long display of blooms in spring. Starting out as pink buds, the flowers unfold to pale pink or pure white double blooms, about an inch in diameter, helping the tree to create a striking specimen in the landscape. The foliage lends a fine texture to the landscape, and it maintains a dark green color through moderate drought. In severe drought, foliage burns a little brown at the margins, but there appears to be no long-term harm to the tree. This tree will live longer than many of the cherries.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Scientific name: *Prunus* x 'Hally Jolivette'

Pronunciation: PROO-nus

Common name(s): Hally Jolivette Cherry

Family: *Rosaceae*

USDA hardiness zones: 6 through 7 (Fig. 2)

Origin: not native to North America

Uses: Bonsai; container or above-ground planter; recommended for buffer strips around parking lots or for median strip plantings in the highway; near a deck or patio; specimen; sidewalk cutout (tree pit)

Availability: generally available in many areas within its hardiness range

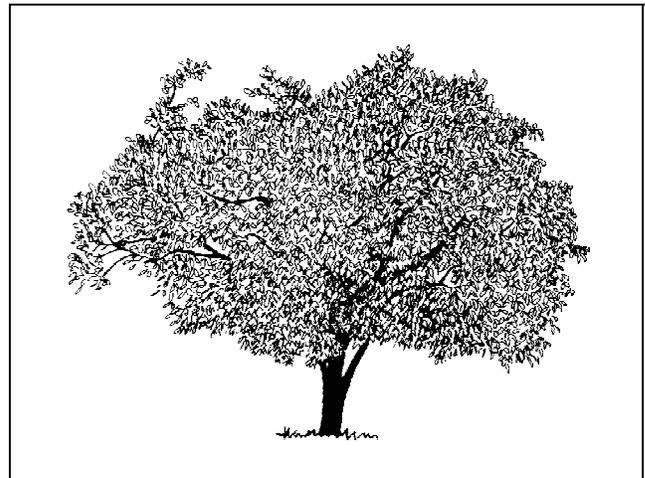


Figure 1. Mature Hally Jolivette Cherry.

DESCRIPTION

Height: 12 to 15 feet

Spread: 10 to 15 feet

Crown uniformity: symmetrical canopy with a regular (or smooth) outline, and individuals have more or less identical crown forms

Crown shape: round

Crown density: dense

Growth rate: medium

Texture: fine

Foliage

Leaf arrangement: alternate (Fig. 3)

Leaf type: simple

Leaf margin: serrate

Leaf shape: elliptic (oval); ovate

Leaf venation: banchidodrome; pinnate

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Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

Leaf type and persistence: deciduous
Leaf blade length: 2 to 4 inches; less than 2 inches
Leaf color: green
Fall color: no fall color change
Fall characteristic: not showy

Flower

Flower color: pink; white
Flower characteristics: showy; spring flowering

Fruit

Fruit shape: round
Fruit length: < .5 inch
Fruit covering: fleshy
Fruit color: red
Fruit characteristics: inconspicuous and not showy; no significant litter problem

Trunk and Branches

Trunk/bark/branches: bark is thin and easily damaged from mechanical impact; droop as the tree grows, and will require pruning for vehicular or pedestrian clearance beneath the canopy; routinely

grown with, or trainable to be grown with, multiple trunks; not particularly showy; tree wants to grow with several trunks but can be trained to grow with a single trunk; no thorns

Pruning requirement: needs little pruning to develop a strong structure

Breakage: resistant

Current year twig color: brown

Current year twig thickness: thin

Culture

Light requirement: tree grows in full sun

Soil tolerances: clay; loam; sand; acidic; alkaline; well-drained

Drought tolerance: high

Aerosol salt tolerance: low

Soil salt tolerance: poor

Other

Roots: surface roots are usually not a problem

Winter interest: no special winter interest

Outstanding tree: tree has outstanding ornamental features and could be planted more

Invasive potential: little, if any, potential at this time



Figure 3. Foliage of Hally Jolivette Cherry.

Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests

USE AND MANAGEMENT

Prune to open up the canopy to develop more of a tree-form, otherwise it looks more like a large shrub. Remove interior branches and space main branches along the trunk. A more upright shape can be created by removing lateral branches, a more spreading shape can be promoted by removing upright branches.

Use the tree along an entrance road to a commercial development planted on 20-foot centers or along side the patio or deck in the back yard. It also makes a nice small-scale court yard tree. Probably too shrubby for planting in the tree lawn strip between the street curb and the sidewalk although properly trained trees could be tried for this use. Set the trees back about eight feet from the edge of a street on 15-foot centers along a residential or commercial landscape for a nice, uniform ornamental planting.

'Hally Jolivette' Cherry should be grown in full sun on well-drained soil. Grows fine in clay soil which is not too compacted.

Propagation is by cuttings which root readily.

Pests and Diseases

No pests or diseases are of major concern. Occasionally the tree is bothered by aphids and mites.