

# Barbados Acerola Cherry



Often grown for producing acerola juice or jam, these delicate fruits bruise easily. It's because of this that you're unlikely to find it in your local supermarket. But when growing it at home, you can ensure at least one source of this unique and unusual fruit for your enjoyment.

## *Malpighia glabra*

- **Use:** Imagine high quantities of juicy cherries anywhere in your landscape. With the Barbados Cherry, it's possible since this variety can grow in a container on your patio or in your garden. And this variety is known for being particularly healthy, so vitamin C is just another great benefit among many. Reaching a mature height of just 12 feet, the Barbados' convenient size and hardiness place it among the most adaptable cherry bushes available. It's totally diverse, perfect for placing in a container or cropping into a decorative, productive shrub.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Soil should be well-drained and a pH of 6.2 -6.8 preferred. Acidic soil is preferred, though it can tolerate a wide variety of soils. As long as it is properly established, it is moderately drought tolerant.
- **Growth:** Super dwarf bushing growing to only 4' tall and 3' wide.
- **Hardy:** Zone 9-11 Tropical; Bring indoors in winter/ keep above 40 degrees
- **Foliage:** Evergreen if brought indoors above 40 degrees.
- **Flower:** Acerola fruit is soft, succulent, and juicy with a sweet-tart cherry flavor. Extremely rich in vitamin C, this fruit can provide your daily requirement with ease. Self-fertile, so you will get fruit with only one plant. However, adding an additional Barbados 'Acerola' Cherry will drastically increase the size of your crop.

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