



Prunus avium 'Hedelfinger Riesenkirsche'



Height	6-8 m
Width	6-8m
Crown	broad ovoid, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	white, flowers in April-May
Fruits	edible fruits, red, purple/brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree, clearstem fruit tree

'Hedelfinger Riesenkirsche' is a sweet cherry with a semi-open crown of 6-8 m in height. The crown is broad ovoid and slightly irregular in shape. This cultivar produces beautiful orange to deep red autumn colours. The tree flowers around mid-April to early May with white blossom and is not very self-pollinating. Single trees will produce fruit, but a different cherry variety is needed for good fruiting. Preferably, 'Bigarreau Napoléon' or 'Kordia' is used for this purpose. The cherries of 'Hedelfinger Riesenkirsche' are ready for picking around mid-July. They are large and shiny dark red to brownish-red. The flesh is very juicy and pleasantly sweet. The cherries are very suitable for direct consumption, e.g. in desserts.

'Hedelfinger Riesenkirsche' was found around 1850 near Stuttgart, Germany. Hardiness zone 6.