



Prunus mume 'Beni-chi-dori'



Height	5-7 m
Width	5-7m
Crown	flatened spherical, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	dark pink-red, flowers in February-March
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	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	tree containers, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem, clearstem fruit tree

'Beni-chi-dori' is a slow-growing sturdy shrub to small tree that can eventually reach 5-7 m in height. The crown is round to flattened spherical in later life. Fresh green leaves hang from the dark brown twigs. These are broad oval to almost round, have a long pointed tip and a double serrated leaf edge. Depending on winter cold, 'Beni-chi-dori' flowers in February-March. The single flowers, which are in pairs or alone, are 2-2.5 cm in size and consist of 6-8 petals. They are warm dark pink-red and colour very well with the dark brown twigs. 'Beni-chi-dori' is of Japanese origin. Its exact origin is not known, but the plant was imported into England before 1961. The tree is best planted in a slightly (from north and east winds) sheltered location. Hardiness zone 6b.