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Prunus incisa 'Kojou-no-mai'



Height	1-3 m
Width	1-3m
Crown	round/spherical, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown, grey
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	light pink, flowers in March-April
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	all
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 bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

'Kojou-no-mai' is a relatively slow-growing large shrub that eventually grows about 3 m tall and wide. The thin twigs have a distinct zigzag structure. The leaves are ovate with the typical long pointed tip that all P. incisa have. Autumn colours are beautiful orange to red. Flowers open from early March to early April, depending on temperature. The flower buds are pale red and the opened flowers are pale pink with a darker centre, which darkens as the flower ages. The fine plant structure is enhanced by the delicate blossom of 'Kojou-no-mai'.

'Kojou-no-mai' is fine for use in gardens, parks, cemeteries, etc. In summer it is an inconspicuous plant, but during flowering and also when the leaves are in autumn colour, the plant shows its full ornamental value.

Was found in the wild before 1985 by Japanese Shizuo Akaike, on the flanks of Mount Fuji. Hardiness zone 6b.