

# Tropical Sweet Cherries

## **Barbados Cherry (Acerola)**

The Barbados Cherry is a fast growing bushy tree that can be trained as a standard or shaped as a hedge. The fruit are sweet to sub-acid, and they are used extensively in juices throughout Latin America. The cherries are extremely high in Vitamin C, and just one has the equivalent Vitamin C content of 12 oranges combined. They are also used in jellies, jams, and they freeze without losing their Vitamin C content.

Cold Tolerance: 28 degrees

Size: 12ft x 12ft

Season: May-Nov. Sparsely most of the year.

## **Cherry of the Rio Grand**

This delicious cherry is typically 1-2 inches long and oval in shape. When ripe, they are deep purple to black and have a full cherry-like flavor. The trees can be grown in large pots, hedged, or used as a specimen.

Cold Tolerance: 27 degrees

Size: 12ft x 8ft

Season: April - May

## **Grumichama**

The grumichama is a small, compact tree that can be grown as a standard or shaped as a hedge. The plants have beautiful, glossy, dark green leaves and rough, corky, textured bark. Fruit deep purple to black when ripe and they have a flavor very similar to that of jaboticaba. They are most often eaten fresh and used in jelly.

Cold Tolerance: 28-30 degrees

Size: 18ft x 12ft

Season: Spring, sometimes a light fall crop



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