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**Schipka Cherry Laurel**  
*Prunus laurocerasus 'Schipkaensis'*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: English Laurel, Common Laurel

**Description:**

A popular compact form of cherry laurel, producing showy, fragrant, erect white spike flowers, black fruit and glossy dark-green leaves; this is one of the hardiest selections, makes a stunning hedge or accent plant, takes pruning very well

**Ornamental Features**

Schipka Cherry Laurel features showy racemes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage in mid spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The fruits are showy black drupes displayed in mid summer.

**Landscape Attributes**

Schipka Cherry Laurel is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Schipka Cherry Laurel is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Schipka Cherry Laurel flowers*  
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*Schipka Cherry Laurel in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

Schipka Cherry Laurel will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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