

## The finest fruit tree?

Many families are interested in planting a fruit tree in their yard. They don't have space for a big orchard, just a tree.

What is the best fruit tree for a backyard?

It has to be **hardy** and survive our winters. That eliminates many of America's most popular apple, pear, peach, cherry, and plum varieties, especially if you live in the northern half of North Dakota.

It has to be **easy** to take care of. Nobody wants to be spraying pesticides in the backyard every weekend.

And, of course, it has to produce lots of **tasty** fruit.

Many fruit trees such as apples, pears, and American plums need at least two different varieties to set fruit. That could be a problem if your backyard space is limited.

This is definitely a subjective choice, but I challenge anyone to tell me there is a better fruit tree than an 'Evans Bali' cherry. The tree will fit into any backyard. It grows only 10–15 feet tall, mak-

ing it easy to prune, manage, and harvest the fruit.

Discovered in Alberta, 'Evans Bali' can withstand temperatures of  $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$  and still bear fruit.

It has no serious pest problems and doesn't need to be sprayed. It is self-pollinating so only one tree is needed.

In *spring*, the pure white blossoms will charm you. In *summer*, the bright red fruits will fill your tummies with happiness. Even in *winter*, the tree will impress you with its glistening golden bark.

An 'Evans Bali' tree will start bearing cherries after only a couple of years and will produce 10 gallons of fruit after it reaches five years of age. Some gardeners report 25 gallons of fruit per year!

Although this is a "pie" cherry, the fruits are juicy and will de-



velop their sugars if you let them ripen on the tree. You can enjoy these juicy red cherries right off the tree or use them in pies, sauces, jams, and breads.

The 'Evans Bali' cherry tree: it is hardy, carefree, beautiful, and produces lots of delicious cherries. It is the perfect backyard fruit tree. What else could you want?

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