Prunus padus Select

At Wyevale, we have our very own, British grown and exclusive 'Select' range of trees. These 'Select' cultivars of native trees have been extensively trailed and selected specifically by our Tree Division Production Director, Chris Mason.

A medium size cultivar of the native seedling Prunus padus. The 'Select' is strong growing with an upright, tighter form. It is the perfect balance of not being as open or rapid growing as the Watererii, yet more vigorous and strong then the more moderate Albertii.

Specifically selected to ensure the continued planting of our native forms, so they will continue to thrive in the difficulties that are present in urban developments. This tough, medium sized tree is extremely hardy, and will grow in almost all conditions.

Its branches are ascending, allowing its use in tighter locations where space is an issue.

The elegant flowers first open in May, with long clusters of petals known as racemes, where the first flowers grow close to the base and new flowers are produced as the shoot grows in height. These creamy white flowers are adored by pollinators and are a favourite for numerous UK bee species.

The flowers give way to bitter, small berries which are a midnight shade of black. A second offering of nourishment provided by the tree which is a valuable food source for both birds and insects alike.

The 'Select' leaves open a deeper, darker shade of green than the seedling form, with more chlorophyll molecules situated in its chloroplasts. This darker green allows an increase to the chemical reactions needed for carbon fixation. It will establish and grow faster than the seedling of other padus cultivars, but with a stronger, more developed structure.

Come the autumn, the 'Select' canopy leaves melt into warm shades of buttery yellow, creating a glowing display before falling.

A perfect cultivar selected for the sole purpose of amenity planting within our demanding urban locations.

"Select the best, because 'Select' outshines the rest"

Chris Mason