

Cherry Tree Species

FLASHCARDS



The region near Washington, DC is home to many species of cherry trees. Learn about the different cherry tree structures, colors, and blooming periods through the following pictures and descriptions. Each card includes the common name and latin name for each species.

DIRECTIONS: To make flashcards cut on the thick black lines and then fold on the black dashed lines.



Yoshino



Prunus x yedoensis

The single white flowers grow in clusters of two to five; the tree is wide spreading. This hybrid, first noticed in 1872, is now the most cultivated of cherry trees in Japan. It is the most common species in Washington, DC.



Akebono



Prunus x yedoensis 'Akebono'

Single pale pink flowers grown in clusters of two to five, fading to white over time; the tree has a round top and is wide spreading. It can grow to a height of thirty-five feet.





Shirofugen

Types of Cherry Tree Structures:



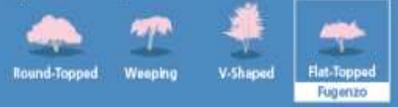
Prunus 'Shirofugen'

The double white flowers grow in large clusters and gradually turn to pink before falling from the tree, which is flat-topped and has a moderate spread.



Fugenzo

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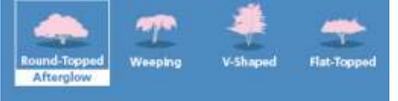
Prunus 'Fugenzo'

The double flowers of about twenty petals are rose-pink and fade somewhat but never become white; they hang in clusters of four to six blossoms. The tree has a broad flat crown. This is one of the older cultivated flowering cherry trees in Japan.



Afterglow

Types of Cherry Tree Structures:



Prunus x yedoensis 'Afterglow'

The single pink-tinged flowers grow in clusters of two to five. The blooms hold their color and do not fade. The tree has a rounded crown and yellow fall foliage.





Sargent



Prunus sargentii

The flowers are single, variable pink in color and grow in clusters. The trees can grow forty to fifty feet in height and width.



Kwanzan



Prunus 'Kwanzan'

The double pink flowers of about thirty petals hang in clusters of three to five blooms. The trees grow from fifteen to thirty feet high and are wide-spreading.



Takesimensis



Prunus takesimensis

The white flowers grow in large clusters, and the broad tree can reach thirty to forty feet. This tree grows well in wet locations and is able to tolerate excessive moisture.





Weeping Japanese



Prunus subhirtellavar. pendula

The blossoms range from pink to white in single or double flowers. Cultivars of this species can vary widely in color. The tree grows twenty to forty feet high with a rounded, gracefully weeping crown.



Okame



Prunus 'Okame'

The single flowers are a deep pink; the tree grows to twenty-five feet with a twenty-foot spread. This cultivar is one of the earlier flowering varieties of the cherry trees.



Autumn Flowering



Prunus subhirtellavar. autumnalis

The flowers can be single or double and white to dark pink. The tree is upright with a spread of fifteen to twenty feet. The name refers to the occasional flowering during warm periods in the fall

