

FLOWERING CHERRY, PLUM & APRICOT VARIETIES 2012

In general, flowering plums start flowering in March, while flowering cherries start blooming in April. Flowering apricots are the earliest; they usually start blooming in February—as early as January in mild winters. A sheltered location or a warm spring can promote flowering as much as a month early; conversely, a cold location or bad weather will delay flowering.

FLOWERING CHERRIES

KWANZAN. Height and width 15-20 feet. Upright vase like form. Double, 1½”, deep rose-pink flowers. Mid season bloomer. Showiest of all flowering cherries with bundles of huge double pink flowers. Bronzy new foliage; bronzy orange fall color.

KWANZAN DWARF. Height 12-14 feet—spread 8-12 feet. Dwarf version of Kwanzan.

LITTLE TWIST. Height 5-6 feet—spread 5-6 feet. Very unique form—stems and shoots zig-zag, creating a remarkable silhouette winter and summer. Stems are covered with single flowers, white with pink centers. Excellent maroon fall color.

MOUNT FUJI DWARF. Height and spread 8-10 feet. Horizontal spreading form. Abundant pink buds open to 2”, semi-double white flowers. Excellent fragrance. Dwarf version of Mount Fuji.

SNOW FOUNTAIN. Height and spread 10-12 feet. Graceful cascading branches. Semi-double snow white blossoms. Golden to orange fall color. Ideal for Japanese gardens and small spaces—one of the most stunning examples of spring splendor. Early bloomer.

WEEPING DOUBLE PINK. Height and spread 12-15 feet. Profuse ¾ - 1” double pink flowers appear before the leaves for a spectacular show. Most popular of the weeping cherries. Yellow to bronze fall color.

WEEPING DOUBLE PINK “TWIST”. Weeping double pink cherry grafted onto a twisted, serpentine trunk. Height and spread 5-8 feet.

YOSHINO DWARF. Height and spread 8-10 feet. Rounded, arching, graceful form with pendulous branches. Single, light pink to white blooms with almond scent. Showy, early bloomer.

FLOWERING PLUMS

BLIREIANA. Height and width 15-20 feet. Fragrant, 1” double pink flowers. Sparse fruit. Reddish purple new foliage turning bronze-green in summer. One of the first trees to bloom in spring.

THUNDERCLOUD. Height 20 feet—width 15 feet. Upright rounded form. Fragrant, single, soft pink flowers. Foliage stays deep purple through the summer.

FLOWERING APRICOTS

BUNGO. Height and width 15-20 feet. Single white or pale pink fragrant flowers are later than most flowering apricots. Good producer of tart, apricot-like fruit is up to 2” in diameter; they can be eaten fresh, dried, or pickled in salt to make Umeboshi, the famous Japanese pickled plum.

KANKO BAI / KOBAL. Height and width 15-20 feet. Deliciously fragrant semi double magenta pink flowers. Tart, apricot-like fruit is yellow blushed with red, slightly smaller than Bungo; they are usually dried, used in sweetened drinks, or pickled in salt to make Umeboshi, the famous Japanese pickled plum.

MATSUBARA RED. Height and width 10-20 feet. Bright red double flowers with a sprightly cinnamon fragrance. Disease resistant. Produces smaller crop of umeboshi fruit.

PEGGY CLARKE. Height and width 15-20 feet. Flowers are double, rose-pink with a pronounced red calyx. Very fragrant. Produces smaller crop of umeboshi fruit.