



Flowering Cherry Trees Usher in Spring

The Japanese Cherry tree is the *ne plus ultra* of spring flowering trees. Many visitors travel to Washington each spring to enjoy their splendor.

URI offers its own spring display with many shapes and varieties of flowering cherry trees. One genus of cherry trees, *Prunus serrulata*, the Oriental Cherry, is a large tree rarely seen in this country as its cultivated forms are more attractive. These cultivars are smaller and have beautiful single or double pink or white flowers. Most of these cultivars are propagated by grafts or cuttings.

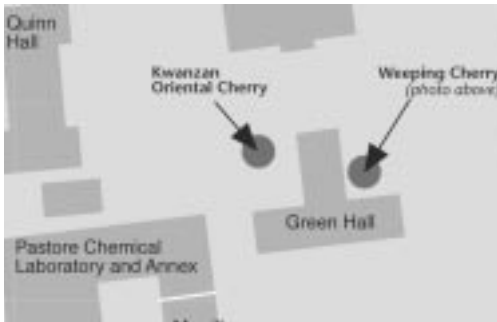
The most familiar cultivar is the 'Kwanzan,' seen in many home landscapes. Its popularity is due to its small size and its showy double pink flowers. URI is home to many 'Kwanzan' Cherry trees which can be found adjoining Green, Bliss, and Wales Halls as well as in other locations on campus. Another cultivar, 'Amanogawa,' also with showy pale pink flowers, has a columnar form. A separate genus of cherry, *Prunus subhirtella*, is best known for its weeping form. I have been able to enclose a whole Botany class within its arching branches, which spread out up to 30 feet, forming a private room near Green Hall.

A very recent introduction to the URI campus is the Okame Cherry, a hybrid of two species of *Prunus*, which together have produced a small upright tree with pink flowers in the spring, copper leaves in autumn, and a shiny reddish brown bark for a winter show. A specimen has been planted near the President's house as a memorial to Bill Woodward, a URI Foundation Trustee, longtime URI supporter, and author of several books about the University.

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Amanogawa Cherry blossom



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Kwanzan Cherry blossom

