

OKAME FLOWERING CHERRY

Prunus x incam 'Okame'



Family:	Rose
Native to:	Andes of South America and in mountainous areas of Southeast Asia.
Hardiness Zones:	6 to 8
Bloom Time:	April
Height:	20 to 30 feet
Spread:	10 to 15 feet
Bloom:	Dark rose pink

DECIDUOUS TREE

Culture:

Easily grown in moist, moderately fertile, well-drained loams in full sun. In late winter to early spring, the tree produces flowers that have five petals. Although the flowers are pink, there are castings of reddish rose or lavender. A chilly winter is required for the cherry to initiate flower buds the following spring. After flowering, the deep green foliage appears and extends into autumn. The leaves, 1 to 2.5-inch-long, begin to turn shades of yellow, orange, and red. The bark of the Okame cherry is pale rust-tan or gray, with horizontal small spot holes. The sheen of the bark reflects light.

When young, the Okame cherry has an upright, vase-like shape. As the tree matures, the overall form of the small tree becomes more rounded.

Did you know?

The flowers are attractive as pollen and nectar sources for bees. This hybrid small flowering cherry was developed in England, created by crossing two Asian cherry species.

This variety is frequently the first cherry tree to flower, but often inhibited by subfreezing late winter temperatures. Blossoms last about 2 weeks.