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Many varieties of this tree have been cultured. The leaves are pointed ovals with toothed edges - and sometimes doubly toothed, sometimes irregularly toothed.

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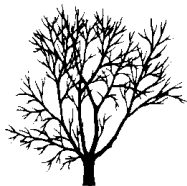
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The cherry is often planted as a decorative tree for both its flowers (whites and pinks) as well as for its fruit (from yellow to red to black.) A member of the rose family its blossoms have between 5-30 petals, often with yellow centers.

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The bark is the cherry's most identifiable feature. Retaining most of its smooth, even shiny luster, it becomes marked with horizontal lines which turn yellow and callous. These lines are the breathing pores (lenticels) to let air inside the tree to the inner bark.

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Cherry blossoms often announce the arrival of springtime. The best collection of flowering cherries can be found at the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. These trees were a gift to the U.S. by the City of Tokyo in 1912.

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