

41817 to 41870. *PRUNUS SERRULATA* Lindl. Amygdalaceæ.

## Flowering cherry.

"A collection of scions of 54 named varieties of Japanese flowering cherries, presented by the municipality of Tokyo to the American Government. These scions were cut from authentic trees growing in the famous Arakawa flowering-cherry collection maintained by the Tokyo municipality, which collection, in the opinion of such a noted authority on the subject as Mr. S. Funatsu, contains some of the loveliest forms of these remarkable flowering trees.

"This collection duplicates one which was secured by Mr. E. H. Wilson, of the Arnold Arboretum, in January, 1915 (see S. P. I. Nos. 39743 to 39798 and 39820 to 39826), many of which we were not successful in propagating.

"The arrangements to secure these scions were made by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer of this office, during his stay in Japan in September, 1915; and Mr. H. Suzuki, manager of the Yokohama Nursery Company, very kindly superintended the collection and shipment of them to this country. Thanks are due to Mr. Post Wheeler, Chargé d'Affaires of the American Embassy in Tokyo, for conducting the arrangements with the Tokyo authorities.

"Mr. Wilson collected flowering botanical specimens from the Arakawa collection, and these are now in the herbarium of the Arnold Arboretum and will be of assistance in checking up the varietal nomenclature, which is much complicated. Several recent works have appeared dealing with the systematic classification of these Japanese flowering or mountain cherries, most important of which are: Sargent, *Plantae Wilsonianae* (*Prunus* by E. Koehne), volume 1, Part II, April 30, 1912; G. Koidzumi, *Conspectus Rosacearum Japonicarum*, Journal of the College of Science, Tokyo, 1913; M. Miyoshi, *Japanische Bergkirschen, ihre Wildformen und Kulturassen*, Journal of the College of Science, Tokyo, March 20, 1916; E. H. Wilson, *The Cherries of Japan*, Arnold Arboretum, Publication No. 7, March 30, 1916.

"It is evident that radical changes in the botany of the Japanese cherries are coming. Probably some of the varieties included in this collection are classed by Miyoshi as belonging to his species *Prunus mutabilis*, but as yet the nomenclature of the varieties is so confused as to make it inadvisable here to attempt to classify them from their names alone.

"The hardness of these flowering cherries in many parts of the United States, the fact that they flower at the most bewitching time of the year—April and May—and are peculiarly attractive for small gardens and yards, and that most of them are introduced for the first time into this country make the presentation of this valuable collection by the mayor of Tokyo and his associates a matter of very unusual interest to Americans." (*Fairchild*.)

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| 41817. " <i>Fukurokuju</i> ."                 | 41828. " <i>Minakani</i> ."        |
| 41818. " <i>Kirin</i> ."                      | 41829. " <i>Kokonoye</i> ."        |
| 41819. " <i>Giozanoma-nioi</i> ."             | 41830. " <i>Murasakizakura</i> ."  |
| 41820. " <i>Sumizome</i> ."                   | 41831. " <i>Senrikō</i> ."         |
| 41821. " <i>Meigetsu</i> ."                   | 41832. " <i>Ranzan</i> ."          |
| 41822. " <i>Kwanzan</i> ."                    | 41833. " <i>Hatazakura</i> ."      |
| 41823. " <i>Shujaku</i> ."                    | 41834. " <i>Chōshu-hizakura</i> ." |
| 41824. " <i>Taki-nioi</i> ."                  | 41835. " <i>Koshio-yama</i> ."     |
| 41825. " <i>Shōgetsu</i> ."                   | 41836. " <i>Narazakura</i> ."      |
| 41826. " <i>Washi-no-o</i> [ <i>Washino</i> - | 41837. " <i>Shirotae</i> ."        |
| 41827. " <i>Kan-zakura</i> ." [ <i>wo</i> ]." | 41838. " <i>Ichiyō</i> ."          |