



U.S. National Arboretum Plant Introduction

Prunus 'Dream Catcher'

The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Prunus* 'Dream Catcher', a flowering cherry introduction that is sure to catch you in its charming web. Delight in single, clear medium pink flowers in early spring, dark green leaves without blemish throughout the summer, yellowish orange fall color, and an upright, vase-shaped winter silhouette. This dream of a tree is perfectly suited for smaller landscapes and will give you pleasure through all four seasons.



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'Dream Catcher' Hybrid Ornamental Flowering Cherry

Botanical Name:	<i>Prunus</i> 'Dream Catcher' (NA 61050; PI 583787)
Family:	Rosaceae
Hardiness:	U.S.D.A. Zones 6–8
Development:	Open-pollinated seed of <i>Prunus x incam</i> 'Okame' was collected in 1978, germinated, grown, and planted for evaluation in field trials. Several selections from this population were made in 1984 by Dr. Donald Egolf. One seedling, after further evaluation, was named 'Dream Catcher'. It was officially released by Dr. Margaret Pooler in March, 1999.
Significance:	'Dream Catcher' is an initial release from the flowering cherry genetic improvement program at the U.S. National Arboretum. Well-suited to nursery production, it offers year-round ornamental features, high tolerance to insects and diseases, combined with ease of propagation and rapid early growth.
Description:	Height and Width: 25 feet tall with a crown spread of 15 feet. Habit: Deciduous, moderate-sized, upright, vase-shaped tree. Foliage: Dark green, pest-tolerant leaves throughout the summer; autumn color yellow orange. Flowers: Large, clear medium pink, single flowers in late March to early April, about 1 week after the parent, <i>Prunus x incam</i> 'Okame'. Fruit: A drupe. Small, red, quickly maturing to black, readily eaten by birds.
Culture:	Grows and flowers well in full sun in well-drained soil. Needs adequate water in hot, dry situations in summer. Rooted cuttings show vigorous early growth in nursery.
Propagation:	Roots easily from softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings under mist using 1000–3000 ppm IBA in talc or a 5-second quick dip, in 4–6 weeks.
Landscape Use:	Specimen plant, group plantings in residential, park, or public areas or flowering street tree.
Availability:	Plants were distributed to cooperating nurseries in 1990 and 1992. Limited quantities of finished trees available from wholesale distributors. Rooted cuttings to be distributed to additional propagation nurseries in 2000.

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