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Prunus subhirtella

[Synonyms : *Cerasus subhirtella*]

HIGAN CHERRY is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to Japan (some authorities believe this is a hybrid) it has small pale pink flowers.

It is also known as *Cerejeira do Japão* (Portuguese), *Cerezo japonés* (Spanish), *Cerisier du Japon* (French), *Cerisier japonais* (French), *Cerisier ornamental* (French), *Ciliegio del Giappone* (Italian), *Higan-Kirsche* (German), *Higankirsebaer* (Danish), *Higan zakura* (Japanese), Japanese cherry, Japanese flowering cherry, *Japanische Kirsche* (German), *Japanse sierkers* (Dutch), *Japansk kirsebaer* (Danish), Rosebud cherry, *Schnee-Kirsche* (German), Spring cherry, *Třešeň* (Czech), and Winter flowering cherry.

There are many cultivated varieties.

Subhirtella is derived from Latin *sub-* (somewhat, almost, rather, slightly, partially, under, etc.) and *hirta* (shaggy, rough, hairy, prickly) meaning 'somewhat hairy' with reference to the leaves and the young wood.