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Abstract

Twelve species and one hundred cultivars of Japanese cherries are beautifully illustrated in a handy book entitled, “Cherries in Japan” by Katsuki (2001). However, the identification of cherries by most people is still difficult from information only by such illustrations and explanation on each plant. For further confirmation of identification, it is necessary to make a dichotomous key by oneself. We tried to make an example mainly from information in the handy book by Katsuki. The key made by us proved to be very useful in narrowing down the name of the cherry tree to one or a few certain species, in a special class open for residents of the city Koganei on 20th of March 2007. The class had been scheduled by Tokyo Gakugei University.

Key words: *Cerasus*, cultivar, dichotomous key, Japanese cherry, *Prunus*

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