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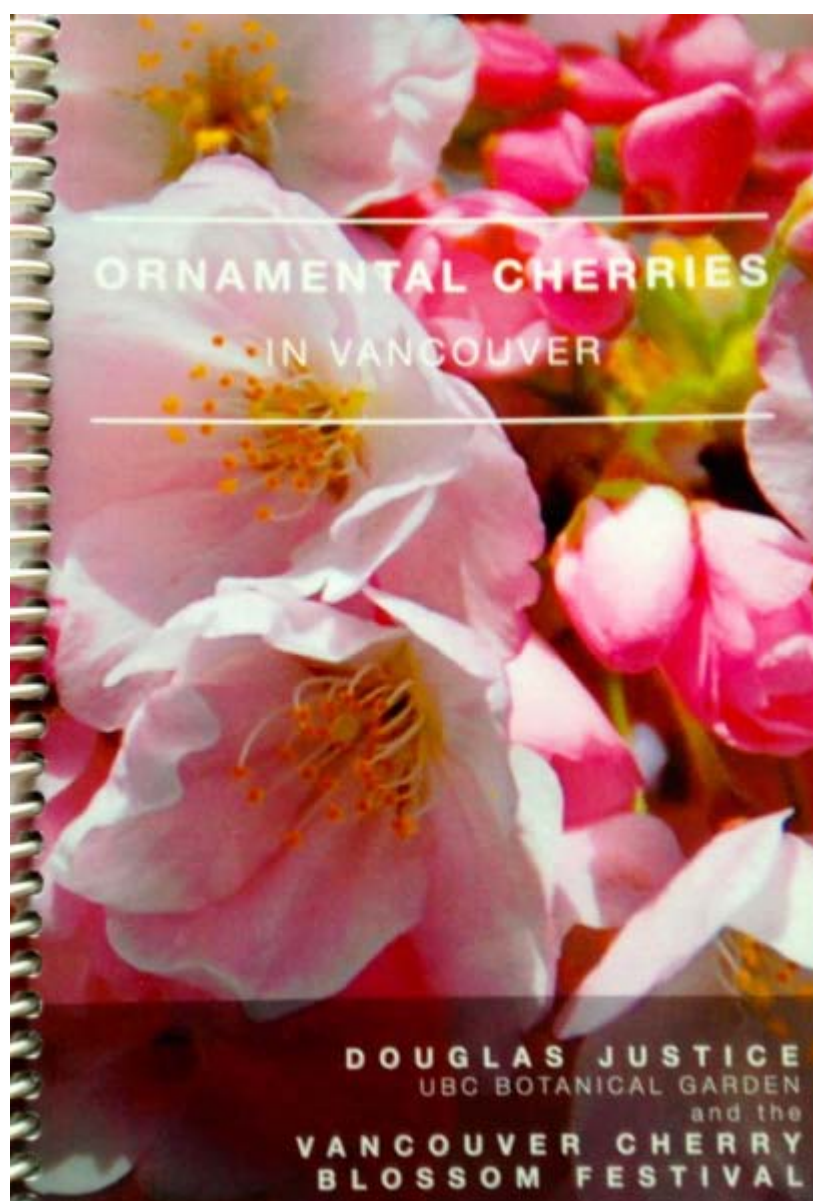
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Ornamental Cherries in Vancouver.

An expanded and upgraded guide to the ornamental cherry trees of Vancouver will be launched at VanDusen Botanical Garden tomorrow (Tuesday).

Nineteen new varieties have been added to the book bringing the total number of cultivars featured to 54. It is estimated there are about 40,000 cherry trees planted in Vancouver.



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The original guide was written by Douglas Justice, associate director and curator of collections at the University of B.C. Botanical Garden and published as part of the annual Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival in 2011.

The book contains full colour photos of each variety plus details about key locations where each cultivar can be seen at its best in spring.

Justice also provides a brief profile of each type of cherry tree to help with accurate identification. It will be available from tomorrow for \$25 a copy from either the Shop in the Garden at VanDusen or The Garden Shop at the University of B.C. Botanical Garden.

Vancouver's earliest ornamental cherry trees were a gift from the cities of Yokohama and Kobe. To mark the launch of the book, new cherry trees will be planted VanDusen.



Cherry blossom in Vancouver.

Taking part in this ceremony, which will take place at 10 a.m., will be Linda Poole, executive director of Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, Seiji Okada, Consul General of Japan, Malcolm Bromley, general manager of Vancouver Park Board, and Keith Turner, BCIT instructor of Biotechnology, who has been involved in the propagation of some of the varieties cultivars.

The Japanese Consulate is also celebrating its 125 year in Vancouver.

To learn more about the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival visit <http://www.vcbf.ca>

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