



Beautiful Magnolias and Japanese Flowering Cherries share centre stage at Batsford Arboretum

Thanks to the recent run of dry, sunny weather, visitors to Batsford Arboretum in Gloucestershire will be treated to a breath-taking display of white and pink during the coming weeks as collections of Magnolias and Japanese Flowering Cherries share centre stage.

Batsford is home to 73 species of Magnolia and visitors have been enjoying their larger than life blooms since the end of March, however, with more to flower thanks to the warm sunshine, they're now being joined by the spectacular Japanese Flowering Cherries and, as a result, the arboretum is bursting with beautiful spring colour – ranging from pure white to fuchsia pink and every shade in-between.

Batsford holds the National Collection of Prunus (Sato-Zakura group) cherries – known as Japanese village cherries - with around 120 trees in clusters throughout the 56 acre arboretum. The Plant Centre at Batsford sell a selection of Prunus Cherries for visitors wishing to take a piece of the arboretum home with them. They've been extremely popular this season and only a few varieties remain in stock.

Batsford's Head Gardener Matthew Hall says "It's the best blossom we've had for 10 years this spring, along every path of the arboretum you'll see some form of Magnolia or Japanese Cherry in flower"

Whilst the Magnolias will only be at their best until the end of this month, the Japanese Cherries are expected to be in flower until mid-May.

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For more information about the Magnolias and Japanese Flowering Cherries at Batsford please contact Laura Summers at marketing@batsfordfoundation.co.uk or call 07725 843414. High resolution images are also available on request.

Batsford Arboretum is situated a mile and a half from Moreton-in-Marsh in the Cotswolds and is home to one of the country's finest collections of rare and unusual trees. It's managed by the Batsford Foundation – a charity set up by the 2nd Lord Dulverton in 1983 to promote education, conservation and research into gardens, arboreta and historic landscapes. You'll also find a Visitor Centre housing the garden centre and gift shop and find locally sourced, home baked food and afternoon teas served in the Garden Terrace Café.

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