The Great White Cherry

Prunus ‘Tai–Haku’

This strong growing tree has huge flowers up to 6cm across with coppery young foliage and good autumn colour making it one of the best Cherries for ornamental planting. How Tai-Haku came to be known is to the credit of Colonel ‘Cherry’ Collingwood Ingram who in 1923 was shown the tree in a Sussex garden. Not knowing what it was, he propagated it. During a visit to Japan he was shown an eighteenth century book of paintings and recognised the Sussex tree as one named as Tai-Haku.

The tree is now widely grown and all originate from the tree in Sussex saving it from extinction how it travelled from Japan remains uncertain.