

# BUDS AND FLOWERS



The bud consists of the bud base (the hypanthium) and the bud cap (the operculum), the latter which falls off to reveal the flower.

The structure, size, and shape of the bud cap; and how it joins to the bud base are often important in identification; as are the structure of the filaments (stamens) which form the flower.

filament /  
stamen

petal

flower

individual stalk /  
pedicel

bud base /  
hypanthium

bud cap /  
operculum

*Prunus cerasifera* 'Montmorency'  
**Montmorency Cherry**

