

Unidentified Cherries, Peaches, and Apricot: Possibility Lists and ID Logs

6 untagged trees (3 cherries tagged CR-Sweet, 2 peaches tagged PC-Unk, 1 apricot tagged AT-Unk), each one of the purchased trees below. Status as of October 18, 2026.

What this is: 6 trees lost their labels and carry only a general tag. Each is one of the purchased trees below that has no tagged tree. Bloom timing and fruit will tell them apart over the next few years.

Assumption (not yet confirmed by you): On Oct 16, 2026 every purchased apple was confirmed to have arrived, so an apple purchase with no tagged tree was presumed to have died in Boise, unrecorded. These lists apply the same reasoning to the cherries, peaches, and apricot; that has not been confirmed for them yet.

Numbering: Trees with the same tag share it. They are planted (October 2026), so add a number tag (Sweet-1 to Sweet-3; PcUnk-1 to PcUnk-2; AtUnk-1) to each and write down its actual spot so an ID stays with the right tree. Their spots are on the [pollination grid](#); until they are identified they are not counted as pollen donors.

Sweet cherries (tag CR-Sweet): 3 trees

The count: 4 purchased cherries have no tagged tree (Black Tartarian 2, Sam Sweet 1, Regina 1). 3 of them are these trees, so 1 is presumed to have died in Boise.

Narrowing it down: Compare each tree with the tagged tree of the same name, by bloom timing first and by fruit later. Sam Sweet and Regina have no tagged tree to compare with, so a tree that matches none of the tagged trees points to one of them. Only Black Tartarian can fill more than one tree, so two trees that look identical are probably the 2 Black Tartarian trees.

Candidate	Slots	Vendor / rootstock	Tagged tree to compare with	Ripens	Typical fruit*
Black Tartarian Full profile	2	Lowes or Willis Standard Partly self-fertile	CR-Black T ×2	Early	Medium to large fruit; skin deep cherry-red to purplish-black, nearly black when ripe; flesh firm, crisp and juicy. Vigorous pyramid-shaped tree, typically 12 to 30 ft tall and wide. Recognize: Purplish-black, medium-sized cherries on a vigorous pyramid-shaped tree that blooms early and ripens before most sweet cherries. Dark fruit alone is a weak cue (Bing and Stella are similar); early bloom and early ripening are the best clues. Habit: Upright, vigorous, productive tree, 12-30 ft tall and wide; long-lived and can grow very big with age. Arbor Day lists medium growth speed and a pyramidal shape, while Hedrick (1915) calls the form vase-like. Bark and twigs: Smooth trunk of moderate thickness. Limbs smooth and reddish-brown with a faint ash-gray wash and large lenticels. Shoots fairly long, brown but nearly covered by gray, smooth and hairless, with faint, slightly raised lenticels. Leaves: Plentiful thin leaves about 5.5 in by 2.5 in, obovate to elliptical and folded upward; puckered and dark green on top, paler and slightly downy below; edge toothed to scalloped; thick red-tinged leafstalk about 2 in with 1-3 glands. The two tagged Black Tartarians could be any two of the four purchases (3 from Lowes, 1 from Willis).
Sam Sweet Full profile	1	StarkBro Semi Dwarf Partly self-fertile	None tagged	Early	Large, conic to heart-shaped cherries (Stark Bro's says medium to large) with dark mahogany to nearly black skin and firm flesh. The fruit hangs in fairly tight clusters. Recognize: Blooms in the latest pollination period, same as Regina, while Black Tartarian blooms in the earliest (OSU): bloom separates it from Black Tartarian, not Regina, so compare ripening against Bing too (Sam is about a week ahead). Large, firm, mahogany fruit in tight clusters; poor flavor if picked early. Habit: Hardy, vigorous, upright-spreading tree with a good branch framework, hardier than Bing; it ranked just behind Van in a 1955 Washington freeze. Blooms later than most sweet cherries, which can help it miss late frosts.
Regina Full profile	1	Grandpa Not self-fertile	None tagged	Late	Very large heart-shaped cherries with squared shoulders; skin dark red to nearly black, flesh slightly paler than the skin, very firm and crunchy. Stark Bro's says the stone clings to the flesh (clingstone). Recognize: Late: ripens about 2 weeks after Bing and blooms 7-9 days after it (WSU), so an early-blooming or early-fruiting tree is not Regina. Fruit is very large, very firm, crunchy, clingstone. Owner's notes call Black Tartarian early and soft, and Sam mid-season. Habit: Vigorous, about 15-18 ft tall and wide (Stark Bro's); wide branch angles and strong central-leader habit make it easy to train (Dave Wilson). Productivity problems are reported; several late pollenizers and extra bees help.

Peaches (tag PC-Unk): 2 trees

The count: 4 purchased peaches have no tagged tree (Reliance 1, Veteran 1, Contender 1, Elberta 1). 2 of them are these trees, so 2 are presumed to have died in Boise.

Narrowing it down: Compare each tree with the tagged tree of the same name, by bloom timing first and by fruit later. Veteran has no tagged tree to compare with, so a tree that matches none of the tagged trees points to it.

Candidate	Slots	Vendor / rootstock	Tagged tree to compare with	Ripens	Typical fruit*
Reliance Full profile	1	Grandpa, Lowes, or Willis Standard Self-fertile	PC-Reliance x2	Early	Medium, well-filled fruit with golden skin and a red cheek, yellow flesh and a free stone. Showy flowers open late. The flesh is soft and bruises easily. Recognize: Medium golden peach with a red blush and soft, easily bruised flesh, on a late-blooming tree that ripens well ahead of Elberta. Fruiting after a hard winter is the best hint, but the fruit looks like many other yellow peaches. Habit: Productive because its fruit buds are very hardy; blooms late with showy flowers. Mature height is listed around 12-20 ft depending on rootstock, and sources differ on vigor (medium at Gurney's, vigorous at Holdridge Garden). Leaves: Leaf glands are globose (round), according to the cultivar register entry. The two tagged Reliances could be any two of the three purchases (Grandpa, Lowes, Willis).
Veteran Full profile	1	Lowes Standard	None tagged	Mid	Medium to large, round-oblate (flattened round) fruit with yellow to yellow-orange skin splashed or blushed red. Flesh is yellow, soft and melting, a little coarse, and the stone comes free when fully ripe. Recognize: Maine's table: Reliance mid Aug (small fruit), Contender mid Sept (medium), Elberta late Sept (large). Veteran runs a week ahead of Elberta (UC Davis), likely between Contender and Elberta. Size only rules out small Reliance; look for soft flesh, red-splashed yellow-orange skin, small pale pink late blossoms. Habit: Vigorous, highly productive, about 14 ft tall (Raintree). Hardy through winter and late to bloom, so it is among the more dependable peaches for cold climates; blossoms are small and not showy (UC Davis). Leaves: Leaf glands are kidney-shaped (reniform); no other leaf details found.
Contender Full profile	1	StarkBro Standard Self-fertile	PC-Contender x1	Mid	Medium to large, firm fruit with mostly red to red-orange skin over yellow flesh that resists browning; the stone comes free. The tree has pink spring blossoms. Recognize: Mostly red-orange skin over yellow flesh that stays bright when cut, ripening about three weeks after Redhaven. Frost-tolerant late buds and a very hardy tree are real traits but hard to see; season is close to Canadian Harmony. Habit: Vigorous tree, rated more vigorous than Redhaven but with a similar growth habit. Carries many flower buds that are unusually cold hardy and bloom late. Starts bearing in 2-4 years. Leaves: Leaf glands are kidney-shaped (reniform), according to the cultivar register entry.
Elberta Full profile	1	Lowes Standard Self-fertile	PC-Elberta x1	Late	Large, golden-yellow fruit with a red blush. Flesh is firm, sweet and yellow, and the stone comes free. Pink blossoms open in early to mid spring. Recognize: Large golden-yellow peach with a red blush, ripening late (about September), well after the early red peaches. Early Elberta, a separate variety, ripens sooner and has little or no blush, so an early or unblushed 'Elberta' may be that one. Habit: Large, vigorous, upright-spreading tree with a dense top; bears early, heavily and for many years. Hedrick (1917) judged wood and flower buds less hardy than ideal and bloom a bit early in New York. Bark and twigs: Thick trunk; stocky smooth branches reddish-brown mixed with pale ash-gray. Twigs olive-green flushed dark red, glossy and hairless, with many conspicuous lenticels. Flower buds large, hairy, plump, blunt to conical. Leaves: About 6.75 in long by 1.75 in wide, oval to obovate-lanceolate; dull dark olive-green and somewhat wrinkled above, grayish-green below. Fine to coarse teeth, often double, tipped with reddish-brown glands; 1-6 kidney-shaped glands on the stalk.

Apricot (tag AT-Unk): 1 tree

The count: 1 purchased apricot has no tagged tree (Patterson 1). 1 of them is this tree, so none are presumed to have died in Boise.

Narrowing it down: Compare each tree with the tagged tree of the same name, by bloom timing first and by fruit later. Patterson has no tagged tree to compare with, so a tree that matches none of the tagged trees points to it. Patterson: also compare with the trees tagged AT-moorpark, because one of those tags may be wrong.

Candidate	Slots	Vendor / rootstock	Tagged tree to compare with	Ripens	Typical fruit*
Patterson Full profile	1	Lowes Standard Self-fertile	None tagged Also compare: AT-moorpark ×2	Early	Fairly round freestone fruit, called large by UC Davis but medium-sized by Dave Wilson. Yellow skin streaked with red; flesh is bright orange and very firm. Recognize: Vs Moorpark: Patterson ripens about a week earlier, is firm with little juice, and has yellow skin streaked with red. Moorpark is juicy and rich, with an orange-red blush and brownish-red speckles. UC Davis calls both large, so size is a weak cue. Habit: Heavy, consistent bearer that holds its fruit even under a big crop; self-fertile. The sources used give no mature size or shape. Two trees are tagged Moorpark but only one Moorpark was bought (Willis), so one tagged Moorpark may really be the Patterson and this tree the Moorpark. Compare all three trees.

*Typical fruit, the Recognize lines, and any habit, bark, or leaf notes come from each cultivar's profile in the cultivar guide, which lists sources and says whether any details are general knowledge. Habit, bark, and leaf notes are shown only where a source describes that cultivar; otherwise compare your tree with the tagged tree of the same name. Ripening is relative to each fruit's own season, so go by the order Early, Mid, Late, Very late. The tagged tree is a better reference than any description. Slots are purchased trees minus tagged trees.

Sources: Utah State Univ. Extension: Intermountain Fruit table, cherry varieties for Utah · Stark Bro's: Black Tartarian sweet cherry · Arbor Day Foundation: Black Tartarian cherry tree guide · Project Gutenberg: The Cherries of New York by U. P. Hedrick (1915) · UC Davis Foundation Plant Services: Sam cherry · Stark Bro's: Sam Sweet cherry tree · Oregon State Univ. Extension: EM 9484 sweet cherry compatibility and bloom timing chart · Washington State Univ. Tree Fruit: Regina cherry variety profile · Dave Wilson Nursery: Regina cherry (variety finder) · Stark Bro's: Regina sweet cherry tree · Gurney's: Reliance Peach Tree · Johnson's Nursery: Reliance Peach plant profile · Dave Wilson Nursery: Reliance Peach (variety finder) · Fruit and Nut Cultivars Database: Reliance peach · Holdridge Garden: Reliance Peach Tree · UC Davis Foundation Plant Services: Veteran peach · Raintree Nursery: Veteran peach · Univ. of Maine Extension (Highmoor Farm): peach varieties table · Stark Bro's: Contender Peach Tree · Utah State University Extension: Varieties for Utah - Peach · Dave Wilson Nursery: Contender Peach (variety finder) · Fruit and Nut Cultivars Database: Contender peach · Stark Bro's: Elberta Peach Tree · Utah State University Extension: Varieties for Utah - Peach · Dave Wilson Nursery: Elberta Peach (variety finder) · Project Gutenberg: Hedrick, The Peaches of New York (1917), Elberta · UC Davis Foundation Plant Services: Patterson apricot · UC Davis Foundation Plant Services: Moorpark apricot · Dave Wilson Nursery: Patterson apricot

ID log

Record what you see even when unsure, and check off candidates you can rule out. Bark, twigs, leaves, and habit are worth writing down too: stand next to the tagged tree of a candidate and compare. For stone fruit, whether the stone comes free of the flesh (freestone) or clings, and whether the skin is fuzzy, are quick checks that separate cultivars. To keep an observation in the property data, add it as a plant event for the tree (see data/README.md).

Sweet-1

i81-1 cherry, tag CR-Sweet Spot R9-C6 · SiteRef C9-E28-S25

Actual spot / SiteRef: _____ Exact planting date (October 2026): _____

☐ Number tag added

Bloom year	First bloom	Full bloom	Last bloom	Compared with (tagged tree) / notes

Date	Habit and branching	Bark and twigs	Leaves (size, shape, underside)	Compared with (tagged tree)

Fruit year	Ripe on	Size	Skin color / fuzz	Flesh color	Stone (free or cling)	Taste

Ruled out:

☐ Black Tartarian ×2 ☐ Sam Sweet ☐ Regina

Best match: _____ Confirmed on: _____ ☐ bloom ☐ fruit

☐ side by side with the tagged tree ☐ vendor records

Notes: _____

Sweet-2

i81-2 cherry, tag CR-Sweet Spot R10-C4 · SiteRef C9-E1-S5

Actual spot / SiteRef: _____ Exact planting date (October 2026): _____

☐ Number tag added

Bloom year	First bloom	Full bloom	Last bloom	Compared with (tagged tree) / notes

Date	Habit and branching	Bark and twigs	Leaves (size, shape, underside)	Compared with (tagged tree)

Fruit year	Ripe on	Size	Skin color / fuzz	Flesh color	Stone (free or cling)	Taste

Ruled out:

☐ Black Tartarian ×2 ☐ Sam Sweet ☐ Regina

Best match: _____ Confirmed on: _____ ☐ bloom ☐ fruit

☐ side by side with the tagged tree ☐ vendor records

Notes: _____

Sweet-3

i81-3 cherry, tag CR-Sweet Spot R10-C7 • SiteRef D9-E5-S5

Actual spot / SiteRef: _____ Exact planting date (October 2026): _____

☐ Number tag added

Bloom year	First bloom	Full bloom	Last bloom	Compared with (tagged tree) / notes

Date	Habit and branching	Bark and twigs	Leaves (size, shape, underside)	Compared with (tagged tree)

Fruit year	Ripe on	Size	Skin color / fuzz	Flesh color	Stone (free or cling)	Taste

Ruled out: ☐ Black Tartarian x2 ☐ Sam Sweet ☐ Regina

Best match: _____ Confirmed on: _____ ☐ bloom ☐ fruit

☐ side by side with the tagged tree ☐ vendor records

Notes: _____

PcUnk-1

i91-1 peach, tag PC-Unk Spot R12-C10 • SiteRef E8-E9-S15

Actual spot / SiteRef: _____ Exact planting date (October 2026): _____

☐ Number tag added

Bloom year	First bloom	Full bloom	Last bloom	Compared with (tagged tree) / notes

Date	Habit and branching	Bark and twigs	Leaves (size, shape, underside)	Compared with (tagged tree)

Fruit year	Ripe on	Size	Skin color / fuzz	Flesh color	Stone (free or cling)	Taste

Ruled out: ☐ Reliance ☐ Veteran ☐ Contender ☐ Elberta

Best match: _____ Confirmed on: _____ ☐ bloom ☐ fruit

☐ side by side with the tagged tree ☐ vendor records

Notes: _____

PcUnk-2

i91-2 peach, tag PC-Unk Spot R12-C12 · SiteRef E8-E45-S15

Actual spot / SiteRef: _____ Exact planting date (October 2026): _____

☐ Number tag added

Bloom year	First bloom	Full bloom	Last bloom	Compared with (tagged tree) / notes

Date	Habit and branching	Bark and twigs	Leaves (size, shape, underside)	Compared with (tagged tree)

Fruit year	Ripe on	Size	Skin color / fuzz	Flesh color	Stone (free or cling)	Taste

Ruled out: ☐ Reliance ☐ Veteran ☐ Contender ☐ Elberta

Best match: _____ Confirmed on: _____ ☐ bloom ☐ fruit

☐ side by side with the tagged tree ☐ vendor records

Notes: _____

AtUnk-1

i71-1 apricot, tag AT-Unk Spot R11-C2 · SiteRef B8-E6-S35

Actual spot / SiteRef: _____ Exact planting date (October 2026): _____

☐ Number tag added

Bloom year	First bloom	Full bloom	Last bloom	Compared with (tagged tree) / notes

Date	Habit and branching	Bark and twigs	Leaves (size, shape, underside)	Compared with (tagged tree)

Fruit year	Ripe on	Size	Skin color / fuzz	Flesh color	Stone (free or cling)	Taste

Ruled out: ☐ Patterson

Best match: _____ Confirmed on: _____ ☐ bloom ☐ fruit

☐ side by side with the tagged tree ☐ vendor records

Notes: _____