



Cladrastis kentukea 'Perkin's Pink'



Height	8 - 12 m
Width	8-10m
Crown	flat-topped spherical, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	grey-brown, smooth
Leaf	imparipinnate, bright green, 20 - 30 cm long, feathered leaf
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	pink, in separate, pendent panicles, end May/June, fragrant flowers
Fruits	flat pod, 8 - 12 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clay and sandy soils
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	good, more susceptible when mature
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, roof gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Perkins Institute for the Blind, Watertown, MA, USA, before 1994

Large, multi-stemmed shrub or small to medium size tree with a semi-open, flat-topped, spherical crown. The bark is grey and smooth: shallow grooves may appear only when mature. The wood is strikingly yellow, especially when freshly sawn. The compound leaves consist of (5)7 to 9(11) elliptical to ovate leaf segments 8 - 14 cm in size. The leaf turns golden yellow in autumn. The loose, pendent flower clusters consist of numerous, delightfully fragrant, pink flowers. Was discovered as a seedling at the Perkins Institute for the Blind and distributed by the Arnold Arboretum. Typically for the species, it has a fleshy root system and grows best in a sunny, warm place. Very hardy.