### Cornus controversa 'Variegata'

- **Height**: 5 - 7 (10) m
- **Crown**: round, branching in layers, half-open crown, capricious growing
- **Bark and branches**: green with shallow grooves
- **Leaf**: broad ovate to broad oval, 8 - 15 cm long, white-edged
- **Flowers**: cream white, in 15 cm umbel-shaped corymbs, May/June
- **Fruits**: small dark-blue berry
- **Spines/thorns**: None
- **Toxicity**: usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
- **Soil type**: any, if well-drained, except dry sandy soil
- **Paving**: tolerates no paving
- **Winter hardiness zone**: 6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
- **Wind resistance**: good
- **Other resistances**: resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
- **Fauna tree**: resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
- **Application**: tree containers, small gardens, patio gardens
- **Shape**: multi-stem treem
- **Origin**: Veitch Nurseries, UK, before 1890

Small tree with a layered, horizontal branching pattern that produces a striking habit. The crown eventually becomes as broad as it is tall. The young twigs turn from green to greenish brown. The alternating leaves are irregularly shaped, and the silvery white margins make the tree particularly decorative. The young leaf has a somewhat pinkish hue. The large, umbel-shaped flower corymbs can be followed by small, dark blue berries. However, the fruit yield is very variable and certainly not guaranteed in certain regions. Shallow rooting with a fine root system. Because the sap starts flowing early in the year, pruning should be done in summer or autumn.