



## Cornus kousa 'China Girl'



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| <b>Height</b>                | 8 m                                                                        |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 6-8m                                                                       |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | broad vase-shaped, dark, dense crown, capricious growing                   |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | bark grey, slightly flaking                                                |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | Ovate to oval, dark green, 8 - 12 cm, autumn colour purplish red           |
| <b>Autumn colour</b>         | red, purple                                                                |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | greenish-yellow in heads, bright white bracts, May/June                    |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | strawberry-like, compound drupe, red, Ø circa 2.5 cm                       |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None                                                                       |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock                    |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | well-drained soils                                                         |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving                                                        |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)                                                     |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | good                                                                       |
| <b>Other resistances</b>     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind                          |
| <b>Fauna tree</b>            | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds |
| <b>Application</b>           | tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens                |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | clearstem tree, multi-stem treem                                           |
| <b>Origin</b>                | Proefstation voor de Boomkwekerij, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1978              |

Grows from a shrub into a multi-stemmed tree up to about 8 m, with a broad, vase-shaped crown. The leaf is dark green on top and blue-green on the underside. Leaf margin slightly undulate. The autumn colour is purplish red. Each flower head is surrounded by four large bracts that slightly overlap each other. The bracts turn from whitish green to creamy white and do not turn pink on blossoming. The red fruits, about 2.5 cm in size, are yielded profusely. The plant is shallow rooting with a fibrous root system and requires humic soil, which is not too dry. 'China Girl' has been cultivated since around 1910, but to distinguish it from *C. kousa* var. *chinensis* it was decided to give the plant this cultivar name in 1978.