



## Parrotia persica 'Bella'



<b>Height</b>	8-10 m
<b>Width</b>	3-5m
<b>Crown</b>	oval, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs olive brown, bark light gray with (purple) brown spots, smooth
<b>Leaf</b>	oval to obovate, 7-10 cm long, glossy dark green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow, orange, red, purple
<b>Flowers</b>	red, flowers in February-march
<b>Fruits</b>	spiked capsule, about 1 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, nutrient-poor soil, acid soil
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil, withstand short flood
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem tree

'Bella' is a good-growing, small to medium-sized tree growing 8-10 m tall. Whereas the species *P. persica* tends to have an irregularly shaped crown, this is much less the case with 'Bella'. This is caused by the well-through heart branch. The twigs and older bark have the same beautiful colours as *P. persica*. The foliage turns deep red in spring. In summer it is a glossy dark green and already towards the end of the summer it starts to turn red again, before turning deep purple to purple in autumn. The flowering too is like *P. persica*. In itself not spectacular, but because the tree already flowers in February-March, i.e. before the leaves develop, the red flower bundles do stand out.