



Sycopsis sinensis



Height	4-6 (7) m
Width	4-6m
Crown	ovoid, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	red, flowers in February-March
Fruits	brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	8 (-12,2 to -6,7 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Application	industrial areas, small gardens
Shape	feathered tree, multi-stem treem

Sycopsis sinensis is an evergreen tree with an ovoid crown up to about 6 m in height. In the wild, the tree grows slightly taller. The smooth bark is dark grey-brown and the slightly warty twigs are dark brown. They bear fairly narrow, evergreen leaves, which are glossy dark green and leathery to the touch. In late winter, the flowers open, consisting of bundles of red stamens enclosed by felty-haired, dark brown petals. As the stamens mature, the pale yellow pollen becomes visible. The flowers contrast nicely with the dark, evergreen foliage.

The distinct flowering in late winter and the fact that the tree is evergreen make Sycopsis sinensis a striking and unique tree. The tree has the same soil requirements as Hamamelis. Any sufficiently moist but well-drained neutral to acidic soil will do. The tree tolerates air pollution. Although Sycopsis sinensis is fairly wind-resistant, this species does not tolerate severe frost. Planting in a somewhat sheltered location is therefore necessary.