



Cladrastis kentukea 'Perkin's Pink'



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| 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, Waterton, 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.