



Cornus kousa



Height	4 - 8 m
Width	4-8m
Crown	wide vase-shaped to round, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	grey, later slightly flaking
Leaf	ovate to oval, dark green, 5 - 9 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	green yellow in heads, bracts white, May/June
Fruits	strawberry-like, compound-grown stone fruit, red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	well-drained soils
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, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Japan, Korea and central China
Synonyms	Benthamia japonica

Starts as a shrub and grows into a multiple-stemmed tree. Grows in the wild in the mountain forests of China, Japan and Korea. Width of the crown circa 4 - 5 m. The growth is slow, especially when maturing. The leaf is dark green and slightly curved. The underside is blue green and a little bit hairy: the autumn colouring has yellow and scarlet red hues. Each head has inconspicuous flowers and has 4, circa 8 cm large, bracts that are creamy white to bright white in colour. In full bloom particularly decorative. The red, strawberry-like fruits are circa 2 cm across and have stalks that are 4 cm long and red coloured. The plant is shallow rooting with a fibrous root system. Requires a rich soil with a high humus content. Tolerates more drought and is slightly stronger than C. florida. There are several good cultivars, usually selected from the species chinensis.