



# Cladrastis kentukea 'Perkin's Pink'



<b>Height</b>	8 - 12 m
<b>Crown</b>	flat-topped spherical, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey-brown, smooth
<b>Leaf</b>	imparipinnate, bright green, 20 - 30 cm long, feathered leaf
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	pink, in separate, pendent panicles, end May/June, fragrant flowers
<b>Fruits</b>	flat pod, 8 - 12 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	clay and sandy soils
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good, more susceptible when mature
<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, valuable for bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	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.