



## Clerodendrum trichotomum



<b>Height</b>	circa 6 m
<b>Crown</b>	round, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	light grey
<b>Leaf</b>	ovoid to heart-shaped, green, 8 - 15 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	white, with dark red calyx, bunches, August/September, fragrant flowers
<b>Fruits</b>	blue, borne red calyx
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few requirements, tolerates sandy soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Fauna tree</b>	valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
<b>Origin</b>	East China, Japan

A multiple-stemmed shrub by nature, sometimes cultivated as a tree. The leaf has a pointed tip and smells strongly of peanut butter when rubbed. The flower bunches are loose and open and consist of small, circa 1.5 cm large, white flowers that have a pleasant fragrance and a strikingly dark red calyx. They can become circa 20 cm across. Just as nice are the circa 1 cm, beautifully deep blue berries, borne on a persisting dark red calyx. The plant has fleshy roots and can be propagated by root cutting. Its location has to be sunny and warm. In cold winters the young twigs may be damaged. The variety fargesii is different because the calyx are green instead of red. The fruits are usually slightly lighter blue.