



Cornus florida CHEROKEE SUNSET ('Sunset')



Height	4-7 m
Crown	round/spherical, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	brown, grey
Leaf	variegated, green/yellow, pink
Autumn colour	red, purple
Flowers	pink, flowers in May
Fruits	red
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	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	parks, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Synonyms	Cornus florida 'Cherokee Sunset'

Grows from a shrub into a small, multi-stemmed tree with a broad, somewhat irregular, round crown. Young leaves have a pinkish red hue; mature leaves dark green with broad yellow margins. The leaf is not very susceptible to sunburn. Autumn colours vary from pinkish red margins to completely deep purplish red. Each flower head is surrounded by four deep pinkish red bracts. Gives off many flower buds, but these are fairly susceptible to frost, so many flowers do not open after a cold winter. The plant is shallow rooting with a fibrous root system and requires humic soil, which is not too dry.