



Cornus kousa 'China Girl'



Height	8 m
Crown	broad vase-shaped, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	bark grey, slightly flaking
Leaf	Ovate to oval, dark green, 8 - 12 cm, autumn colour purplish red
Autumn colour	red, purple
Flowers	greenish-yellow in heads, bright white bracts, May/June
Fruits	strawberry-like, compound drupe, red, Ø circa 2.5 cm
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	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	multi-stem treem
Origin	Proefstation voor de Boomkwekerij, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1978

Grows from a shrub into a multi-stemmed tree up to about 8 m, with a broad, vase-shaped crown. The leaf is dark green on top and blue-green on the underside. Leaf margin slightly undulate. The autumn colour is purplish red. Each flower head is surrounded by four large bracts that slightly overlap each other. The bracts turn from whitish green to creamy white and do not turn pink on blossoming. The red fruits, about 2.5 cm in size, are yielded profusely. The plant is shallow rooting with a fibrous root system and requires humic soil, which is not too dry. 'China Girl' has been cultivated since around 1910, but to distinguish it from *C. kousa* var. *chinensis* it was decided to give the plant this cultivar name in 1978.