

## Cornus kousa var. chinensis

### (Variegated Kousa Dogwood)

Chinese dogwood is a small deciduous tree with a spreading. The main advantage is the resistance to dogwood anthracnose, which is very common of the flowering dogwood. Attractive bark is mottled of gray and brown. The leaves are dark green oval shaped. The flower which is made out of 4 white bracts (modified leaves) appearing in late spring followed by a red edible fruit. The bracts are more pointy than the original species. The leaves will change into purple or red in the fall. Kousa dogwood grows well in full sun to partial shade



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Cornouiller du Japon

**Pronunciation:** KOR-nus KOO-suh

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** China, Japan, Korea

**Heat Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8

**Uses:** Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Shade

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 5 to 8 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 5 to 8 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Deciduous

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:**

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Red

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Diseases:** Leaf Spots, Canker

**Edible Parts:** Fruit

**Pests:** Scales, Aphids, Borers

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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Fruit Image



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