

Cornus kousa

(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 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: Screen, Specimen, 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

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: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Red, Purple

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

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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: Aphids, Borers

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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