



Species: *Cornus kousa*

(kore'nus koo'sah)

Kousa Dogwood

Cultivar Information

This species has many cultivars and varieties. Far more resistant to anthracnose and powdery mildew than *C. florida*. Crosses with *C. florida* have resulted in disease-resistant hybrids.

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Tree < 30 feet

Height: 20' - 30' (spread 20' - 30')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape:

Ornamental Other:

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 5a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to neutral soil (pH 5.0 to 7.4)

Environmental Other: more drought tolerant than *C. florida*; partial shade or full sun

Insect Disease

No diseases listed

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native to China, Japan, Korea

Cultivars for *Cornus kousa*

Showing **1-25** of **25** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Milky Way	'Milky Way' - part of Stellar series (Rutgers <i>C. kousa</i> x <i>C. florida</i> hybrids) heavy flowering
Summer Stars	'Summer Stars' - part of Stellar series (Rutgers <i>C. kousa</i> x <i>C. florida</i> hybrids) holds white bracts for months, eventually fading to green
Wolf Eyes	'Wolf Eyes' - foliage green with white edged variegation, turns to pink and red
Aurora	'Aurora' - part of Stellar series (Rutgers <i>C. kousa</i> x <i>C. florida</i> hybrids) very heavy flower production, so much so that the foliage will almost disappear; bracts open white changing over to creamy-white; more vigorous grower than others in collection
Autumn Rose	'Autumn Rose' - excellent pink to red fall foliage
Akatsuki	'Akatsuki' - foliage with a variegated white edge; pink flowers
Beni Fuji	'Beni Fuji' - pink flowers
Blue Shadow	'Blue Shadow' - blue-green foliage
Big Apple	'Big Apple' - bears particularly large fruits
Bonfire	'Bonfire' - foliage variegated with a yellow edge
Celestial	'Celestial' (a.k.a. 'Rutdan', 'Galaxy') - part of Stellar series (Rutgers <i>C. kousa</i> x <i>C. florida</i> hybrids) heavy flowering, sterile
Constellation	'Constellation' (a.k.a. 'Rutcan') - part of Stellar series (Rutgers <i>C. kousa</i> x <i>C. florida</i> hybrids) vigorous habit; profuse bloomer; resistant to anthracnose and dogwood borers; sterile
Champions Gold	'Champions Gold' - foliage emerges green in spring, by mid-summer, foliage exposed to direct sun takes on a bright yellow hue, yellow tones spread and intensify, leaves turn bright orange-red in fall
Eddie's White Wonder	'Eddie's White Wonder' - a <i>C. florida</i> hybrid; huge, creamy-white flower bracts in early summer' earlier than most <i>C. kousa</i> varieties; leaves turn pink to red in autumn
Elizabeth Lustgarten	'Elizabeth Lustgarten' - weeping habit, grows to 15'; downward arching branches; white flowers
Lustgarten Weeping	'Lustgarten Weeping' - weeping habit, to 15'; downward arching branches; white flowers

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Gold Star	'Gold Star' - the center of each leaf has a broad gold band on this cultivar; stems that are reddish; flower bracts are white; contrast between the red fruit and gold-splashed foliage can be striking
Little Beauty	'Little Beauty' - plant forms a small, densely branched tree that may never exceed 15' tall
Satomi	'Satomi' (a.k.a. 'Rosabella') - bright pink bracts in cool climates; warm summers dull the color to light pink or white-pink; 'Beni Fuji' keeps its pink bloom color better
Snowboy	'Snowboy' - gray-green leaves edged in white, occasional splashes of variegation throughout the foliage; very slow-growing; best suited to a shady location to avoid leaf scorch
Temple Jewel	'Temple Jewel' - variegated form; foliage show a light marbling of green, gold and light pink that turns mostly green with age; grows to 20' tall and wider; dense habit; white bracts
Everbloom	'Everbloom' - holds its bracts into September; plant in shade to prevent bracts from turning green as they age
Samaritan	'Samaritan' (a.k.a. 'Samzam') - foliage variegated with a white edge
Galilean	'Galilean' (a.k.a. 'Galzam') - horizontal branching habit; dark green leaves twice as large as species, abundant white flowers larger than species; abundant fruiting; grows to 20' tall x 15' wide
Prophet	'Prophet' (a.k.a. Propzam) - upright vase-like form; blooms from June through September; quilt-like foliage turns a deep red in the fall; grows to 20-25' tall x 15-20' wide

Photos



Cornus kousa - Bark



Cornus kousa - Habit, Flowers



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Cornus kousa - Buds



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Cornus kousa - Leaves



Cornus kousa - Habit



Cornus kousa - Flowers



Cornus kousa - Fruit



Cornus kousa - Immature Fruit



Cornus kousa - Immature Fruit, Leaves