PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus kousa subsp. chinensis Osborn.

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese dogwood, Chinese dogwood, Four-shining flower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit is edible and sweet, and is often used for making wine.

DESCRIPTION

A small deciduous tree. It grows 4 m tall. The branches are in flat layers. They are hairy. The hairs are white. The leaves are narrowly oval and 5-12 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. It has four white bracts around each flower. The flowers are creamy-white. The fruit are red. They are 2.5 cm across. They hang on slender stalks 7-8 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows between 400 and 2200 m altitude in China. It suits hardiness zones 5-8. Arboretum Tasmania. Hobart Botanical Gardens. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cornus species.

PICTURES



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