

Cercidiphyllum japonicum 'Red Fox' - Red Fox Katsura

Zone: 4-8

Height: 40'-60'

Width: 20'-30'



Exposure: Sun, part shade
Crown: Oval to pyramidal
Growth: Moderate
Soil: Adaptable
pH: Neutral to acid
Drainage: Well drained
Drought: Prefers occasional watering
Breakage: No problem
Pests: Few
Disease: Relatively free

Red Fox is a selection of Katsura that has rich purple new growth in the spring, and reddish yellow fall color. Otherwise it is very similar to the species. Katsura is not drought or wind tolerant, so irrigation and protection are necessary. It has no serious disease or insect problems, but it is susceptible to sun scald, so the trunk should be wrapped for the first few years. Some branches have a tendency to form very narrow crotch angles with the trunk, so care must be taken when selecting structural branching. Don't let a few problems keep you from enjoying this tree if you have a good location.