

Chionanthus retusus

Chinese Fringe Tree

Zone: 5-8

Height: 20'

Width: 18'

Crown: Round to vase
Growth Rate: Moderate
Soil: Clay, loam, sand
pH: Acid, alkaline
Drainage: Well drained
Drought: Moderate tolerance
Breakage: Resistant
Pests: Few or none



It's hard to conceive a more beautiful small tree. Lovely fragrant white flowers appear at the terminal of branches after the leaves have emerged. Flowers remain for 2-3 weeks. They cover the outside of the canopy, thus Fringe Tree. Female plants produce purple flowers which are prized by birds. Fall color is yellow. There are few if any pests that bother this tree. Chionanthus does best in part shade/part sun, but will grow well in full sun. Robinson Nursery offers Chionanthus retusus as a branched tree.