

## Cornus kousa 'Satomi'

## 'Satomi' Japanese Dogwood

Zone: 5b-7

Height: 20'

Width: 20'

Crown: Round to pyramidal

Growth Rate: Slow

Bark: Attractive exfoliation

Leaf: 2"-4" shiny green

Fall Color: Purple, red

Flower: Pink

Fruit: Bright red

Light: Sun to part shade

Soil: Adaptable, no alkaline



Imagine the prettiest small tree you can. It would probably have shiny heart shaped leaves which curled away at the tip. In spring it would have the most lovely pink to pink/white blossoms. Later, in summer, it would have a show of bright red strawberry sized fruit shown against those shiny green leaves. In fall it would outshine everything in the yard with it's bright red to purple foliage. In winter, the tan/brown/gray exfoliating bark would be clearly visible. On top of this, it would be resistant to anthracnose



which plagues other members of this genus. This is an exact description of *Cornus kousa* 'Satomi'. It was one of the first pink Kousa Dogwoods brought over from Japan. It is also known as 'Rosabella'. Nurseries started propagating it and it's been a good seller every since. The only problem with 'Satomi' is that, in Oregon at least, the amount of pink in the flower varies from year to year. But with all this tree has going for it, who cares. Robinson Nursery offers 'Satomi' in branched trees.