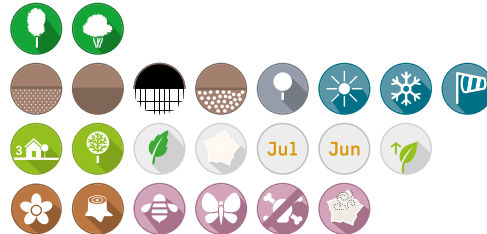




Chionanthus retusus



Height	6 – 8 m
Width	6-7m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	branches brown, bark peeling and strongly grooved, cinnamon brown to black brown
Leaf	oval, 4-10 cm, glossy dark green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	in upright panicles up to 10 cm, flowers 1-2 cm large, white, June-July
Fruits	drupe, oval, 1-1.5 cm, dark blue
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for butterflies
Application	roof gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

The relatively slow-growing *Chionanthus retusus* is a small tree with a dense, round crown. *Chionanthus retusus* usually grows bushily for a long time, but will eventually grow into a small tree with a short trunk. The young twigs are brown and start to peel off after a few years. The old bark is beautifully cinnamon-brown and strongly flaking off and grooved black-brown. The oval, glossy dark green leaves are always opposite each other. In mild climates, the tree is semi-evergreen. The flowers open around midsummer. About 1.5 cm large, pure white flowers are gathered in compact panicles. The tree is dioecious and only the female plants can produce the dark blue fruits. Of course, the female flowers have to be pollinated by male ones. Fairly unknown, but perfectly hardy tree for use as a solitary or in small groups. *C. retusus* is fairly soil tolerant and tolerates lime. However, the soil must be nutritious and well-drained. It is a typical warmth lover and requires a place in full sun.