



## Cornus nuttallii



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| <b>Height</b>                | 6 - 8 m   |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 4-6m  |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | round, sometimes conical, half-open crown, capricious growing |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | red brown to grey, flaking in small plates                    |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | wide ovate to oval, green, 6 - 12 cm                          |
| <b>Autumn colour</b>         | yellow, orange  |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | green yellow in heads, inconspicuous, bracts white, May       |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | ovate berry-like stone fruits, Ø 1 cm, bright red             |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None  |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock       |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | soil rich in humus content and moisture-retentive             |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving   |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)  |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | moderate  |
| <b>Fauna tree</b>            | provides food for birds                                       |
| <b>Application</b>           | tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens   |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem treem              |
| <b>Origin</b>                | western part of North America                                 |

Large upright shrub that is also grown as a tree. It has an upright habit and becomes less wide than other Cornus species. Young twigs are green but turn to brown red rapidly. Mature trunks have a red brown to grey colour. The green leaf turns yellow to orange red in autumn. The flowers are inconspicuous. However, each head with flowers has 6 (sometimes 4 or 8) ovate, pointed bracts. These turn from creamy white to uniformly white with, sometimes, a pink hue. They can get more than 10 cm big. This makes the plant in full bloom very decorative. The circa 1 cm large, orange red fruits appear in early autumn. The plant is shallow-rooting with a delicate root system and requires shielding from a cold east wind. Cornus nuttallii is named after Thomas Nuttall who carried out research and wrote publications on the flora of North America in the early 19th century.