



Cornus nuttallii 'Monarch'



Height	6 - 8 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	wide conical , half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	red brown to grey, flaking in small plates
Leaf	wide ovate to oval, green, 6 - 12 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	green yellow in heads, inconspicuous, bracts white, May
Fruits	ovoid berry-like stone-fruit, Ø 1 cm, bright red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	humus rich content and moisture-retentive
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Fauna tree	provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	A. van der Bom, Oudenbosch (NL), before 1970

This cultivar 'Monarch' has an upright habit with a good upright central leader. Therefore it is better suited as a tree, which distinguishes it from the species. Young twigs are green but turn to brown red quickly. Mature trunks too, are red brown to grey. The green leaf turns yellow to orange red in autumn. The flowers are not showy. However, each head with flowers is surrounded by 6 (sometimes 4 or 8) ovoid, pointed bracts. These turn from cream white to entirely white, sometimes with a pink hue and can become 10 cm. This makes the plant in full bloom very decorative. 'Monarch' flowers profusely. The circa 1 cm large, orange-red fruits appear in early autumn. The plant roots shallowly with a fibrous root system. Must be protected against cold east wind.