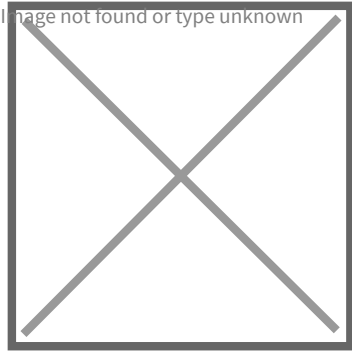




# Heptacodium miconioides

## TIANSHAN ('Minhep')



|                       |                                                            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height                | 4-6 m                                                      |
| Width                 | 3-6m                                                       |
| Crown                 | broad vase-shaped to round, half open crown                |
| Fruits                | red                                                        |
| Spines/thorns         | None                                                       |
| Toxicity              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock    |
| Soil type             | clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil |
| Paving                | tolerates partial paving                                   |
| Winter hardiness zone | 5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)                                      |
| Other resistances     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)                              |

TIANSHAN is initially a shrub form, growing into a small multi-stemmed tree in later life. *H. miconioides* develops a broad vase-shaped to rounded habit and a height and diameter of 4-6 m. The bark is yellow-brown and flakes off beautifully in narrow strips. The oblong-ovate leaves are dull mid-green and always have three main veins; a very characteristic feature of *H. miconioides*. The white flowers open in September and are in stout panicles. Each apex flower on the branching plume is surrounded by a wreath of 3-7 flowers. This feature has earned the species the Dutch name Seven-Sun Tree. After flowering, the calyxes continue to grow and turn purple-red for several weeks during autumn. TIANSHAN has all the characteristics of the species *H. miconioides*, but grows slightly more compact and flowers more abundantly, especially when young. Grows in almost any soil, provided it is sufficiently nutritious and moist. Hardiness zone: 5