



Cornus 'Ascona'



Height	6-8 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	flatened spherical, half-open crown
Bark and branches	flaking, grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	white, flowers in May
Fruits	fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Fauna tree	valuable for butterflies
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Synonyms	Cornus nuttallii 'Ascona'

Small tree up to 8 m with a round crown and pendulous branches. The young twigs are purple to brown: older branches have grey, somewhat peeling bark. The large, glossy, dark green leaves produce splendid red to purple autumn colours. The flower panicle has a diameter of 6 to 10 cm. Each flower head is surrounded by 4 large, rather rounded bracts. The bracts are white and slightly grooved: the tips are somewhat folded back. 'Ascona' is a hybrid of *C. florida* and *C. nuttallii*, and most resembles *C. nuttallii*. However, the tree is sterile and more healthy.