

Cotinus coggygia



Height	3 – 6 m
Width	3-6m
Crown	broad conical, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs green, bark light brown, smooth
Leaf	ovate to oblong-ovate, 3-8 cm, bright green
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	in large cloudy panicles, 15-20 cm tall, individual flowers small and inconspicuous, June-July
Fruits	small flattened nut, 0.6 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, nutrient-poor soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °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 bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

Cotinus coggygia is usually a substantial shrub, but sometimes grows into a small tree 3-5 m tall. The crown is round but will grow wider than it is tall in later life. The smooth twigs are green and the old bark turns light brown and is smooth. The leaves are ovate to oblong-oval and look delicate. However, they are much stronger than they look and can tolerate a lot of sun and heat without burning. In autumn, the leaves turn beautifully orange to red. The hefty, cloudy flower panicles appear in the summer months. The actual flowers are small and inconspicuous; it is mainly the flower stalks that give the panicles shape and structure. The small fruits are not very conspicuous either, but as the stalks often turn reddish, the panicles gain even more ornamental value. Suitable for application in nutrient-rich, sufficiently moist but well-drained soil. Tolerates temporary drought. Applicable in parks, gardens, cemeteries, amusement parks, etc. Both as a solitary and in plant groups.