



Parrotia persica 'Bella'



Height	8-10 m
Width	3-5m
Crown	oval, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs olive brown, bark light gray with (purple) brown spots, smooth
Leaf	oval to obovate, 7-10 cm long, glossy dark green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red, purple
Flowers	red, flowers in February-march
Fruits	spiked capsule, about 1 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, nutrient-poor soil, acid soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil, withstand short flood
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	tree containers, roof gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem tree

'Bella' is a good-growing, small to medium-sized tree growing 8-10 m tall. Whereas the species *P. persica* tends to have an irregularly shaped crown, this is much less the case with 'Bella'. This is caused by the well-through heart branch. The twigs and older bark have the same beautiful colours as *P. persica*. The foliage turns deep red in spring. In summer it is a glossy dark green and already towards the end of the summer it starts to turn red again, before turning deep purple to purple in autumn. The flowering too is like *P. persica*. In itself not spectacular, but because the tree already flowers in February-March, i.e. before the leaves develop, the red flower bundles do stand out.