



Parrotia persica 'Vanessa'



Height	7 -10 (12) m
Width	4-5m
Crown	oval crown, half-open crown
Bark and branches	light grey with purplish brown spots, branches olive brown
Leaf	reverse ovoid to oval, green, 7 - 10 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, red, purple
Flowers	small flower heads, red, February/March
Fruits	spiked capsule, approx. 1 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	well-permeable
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
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 treem
Origin	England, 1840, C.A. Mey

This cultivar was selected from seedlings of the species and is distinct thanks to its straight trunk and oval crown. This makes 'Vanessa' better suited to avenues and green verges. The trunk is light grey with purplish brown spots and flaking bark plates. This is especially decorative in more mature trees. Young twigs have remarkable lenticels. The glossy leaf is dark at the edges and usually has a slanted shape, with the top half of the leaf edge undulating irregularly. The main decorative value is the autumn colours of red, yellow and purple. Mainly older specimens bloom. The flowers are about 2 cm big and are striking due to the bright red anthers. The bare shrub is spectacular when in full bloom. After flowering, 1-cm spiked brown fruit appears. The tree has a fine root system close to the surface.