



Pseudocydonia sinensis



Height	3-10 m
Width	3-10m
Crown	broad ovoid, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	branches dark brown: bark smooth, dark brown and yellow-green flaking
Leaf	elliptical-elongated, 5-8 cm, glossy dark green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	solitary, 2.5-4 cm, pink, April-May
Fruits	ovoid-shaped, approx. 10-16 cm, dark yellow
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7 (-17,7 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Fauna tree	can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Synonyms	Chaenomeles sinesis, Cydonia sinensis

Pseudocydonia sinensis is a large shrub to small tree, ranging in size from about 3 m to (well over) 10 m. The densely branched crown is narrowly oval to narrowly vase-shaped. The smooth bark is dark brown and flakes off in small plates to reveal the greenish-yellow lower bark. The leaves are slightly variable in shape and shiny dark green on the upper side. Especially when young, the underside of the leaves is yellowish-grey hairy. In autumn, the leaves turn yellow before falling off. The single, pink flowers open in April and May, at the same time as the leaves unfurl. They somewhat resemble the flowers of *Cydonia oblonga*, but are darker pink in colour. The flowers are followed by spectacular fruits. These dark yellow fruits are oval and can grow up to 16 cm in size, but ripen well only after warm, sunny summers. The edible fruits have a fresh sour smell and can be processed in the same way as quinces.

Pseudocydonia sinensis is a Chinese species that was introduced to England in the late 18th century, but subsequently fell into oblivion. In 1898, the species was reintroduced from Italy. It is a warmth-loving tree that has no specific soil requirements, as long as drainage is good. Very