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Lustgarten Weeping Chinese Dogwood

Cornus kousa 'Elizabeth Lustgarten'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Kousa Dogwood, Weeping Dogwood

Description:

Noted for its rounded, weeping habit, this variety has cascading branches that bear volumes of contrasting white flowers; late spring blooms last for several weeks, covered in berries in fall; vigorous and tolerant of most soils except very wet or dry

Ornamental Features:

Lustgarten Weeping Chinese Dogwood features showy clusters of white flowers with white bracts held atop the branches in late spring. It has green foliage throughout the season. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall. It features an abundance of magnificent crimson berries from early to mid fall. The peeling gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes:

Lustgarten Weeping Chinese Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lustgarten Weeping Chinese Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Cornus kousa 'Elizabeth Lustgarten' in bloom
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Cornus kousa 'Elizabeth Lustgarten' flowers
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Plant Characteristics:

Lustgarten Weeping Chinese Dogwood will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the leaves in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder zones.

This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.