

KoolKat® Katsuratree

Cercidiphyllum japonicum 'KoolDak' (Family: *Cercidiphyllaceae*)

Description: Non-U.S. native tree. Katsuratree has beautiful fall colors, ranging from yellow to apricot, with a pleasing smell in the falling leaves. Its form is heavily impacted by cultivar, with both upright growing and weeping varieties to choose from.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 4 to 8

Native Habitat: China and Japan

Mature Size: Height: 40' to 60', Spread: 20' to 30'

Form (Shape): Pyramidal while young, variable when mature. Many different pendulous cultivars exist.

Growth Rate: Medium to fast

Foliage: Deciduous. New leaves emerge reddish-purple, fading to green in the summer. Fall has a large variance in color, ranging from yellow to apricot and orange.

Texture: Medium-fine

Flowers: Separate male and female flowers bloom purple in early spring before the leaves bud out. Neither are ornamental.

Fruit: Small, ½", banana shaped pods. 2-4 borne together

Light: Full sun to Part sun

Soil: Moist, well-drained soil; pH adaptable

Propagation: Seeds and softwood cuttings

Failure Patterns: Sun scald and bark splitting may occur

Insects and Diseases: None serious

Landscape Use: Residential, parks, commercial areas

Availability: Not very available in the upper Midwest, but is more commonly available further South.