

Cornus kousa • Kousa dogwood



Leaves

One or more live, unfolded leaves are visible on the plant. A leaf is considered “unfolded” once its entire length has emerged so that the leaf stalk (petiole) or leaf base is visible at its point of attachment to the stem.



Flower buds

One or more buds are visible. Include flower buds that are swelling or expanding, but do not include those that are tightly closed. Do not include wilted or dried buds.



Open flowers

One or more open, fresh flowers are visible. There are pointed petal-like white to pinkish bracts surrounding the center cluster of yellowish-green true flowers. Do not include wilted or dried flowers.



Fruits

One or more fruits are visible. The fruit is a fleshy and berry-like and tightly clustered, similar to a large raspberry, that changes from green to pink to red.

For abundance, what percentage of all fresh flowers on the plant are open.



Ripe fruits

One or more ripe fruits are visible on the plant. A fruit is considered ripe when it has turned red. *For abundance, what percentage of all fruits on the tree are ripe.*



Colored leaves

One or more leaves show some of their typical late-season color or reddish-purple to scarlet, or yellow or brown due to drought or other stresses. Do not include small spots of color due to minor leaf damage or

dieback. Do not include fully dried or dead leaves.

*Phenophases not shown:
breaking leaf bud, falling leaves or fruit.*