



Katsura tree is [dioecious](#). The male flowers (left) appear in a loose [inflorescence](#) comprised mostly of [stamens](#) that are deep pink at maturity. The female flowers (right) have 2-6 [pistils](#) with flat [stigmas](#) that are deep pink at maturity.

Leaves [simple](#) and [opposite](#) to sub-opposite. They are [cordate](#) with scalloped [margins](#).



The fruit is a [follicle](#). Each one is about 1 inch long and slightly curved. They start out green (left) and then darken (center). At maturity, the follicle opens on one suture (right) to release the seeds.



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*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*  
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Fall color is a mix of yellow, orange and apricot.



The mature form is variable. It can be oval or rounded. The tree may be single- or multi-trunked. Height is 40-60 feet.



The stem is light reddish-brown with obvious lenticels. The nodes are slightly swollen. The valvate buds are opposite to sub-opposite and deep pink in color.



Mature bark becomes platy or shaggy.

