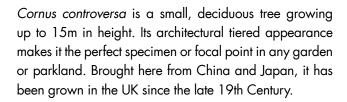


Cornus controversa

Wedding Cake Tree



In Spring, green, elliptic leaves appear alternately on the branches followed by clusters of tiny, white, star shaped flowers in May/ June. The flowers have a scent which attracts the insects for pollination. Green berries ripen to blue-black in Autumn and provide a valuable food source for birds. The foliage will also turn to reds and purples giving a beautiful autumn show.

Once the branches are bare, Cornus controversa still makes an attractive tree due to its ornamental, tiered form.

Cornus controversa 'Variegata'

A smaller variety only growing to 8-10 metres and the leaves are bright green with a thick cream margin. All other features are the same as Cornus controversa.



Cornus controversa standard in flower

Plant Profile

Name: Cornus controversa

Common Name: Wedding Cake Tree - due to its

distinctive tiered habit

Family: Cornaceae

Height: Up to 15m

Demands: Although tolerant of dappled shade, grown

best in full sun and neutral soil

Flowers: Clusters of tiny, white, flowers

Foliage: Elliptical, green leaves. 'Variegata' has a broad

cream margin

Fruit: Small green berries ripening to blue-black in

Autumn



4-5m feathered plant

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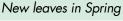
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3rd May 2011 - The Duchess
of Cornwall planted a Wedding
Cake Tree to commemorate the
marriage of Prince William and
Kate Middleton.









3-4m multistem



Cornus controversa berries



Cornus controversa Variegata 2.5-3.0m multistem



Flower buds in May / June