

Fragrant Chinese Fringetree



We love the unusual, fragrant blossoms on this hard to find narrow tree!



Chionanthus retusus

- **Use:** Four-seasons of beauty recommend this small tree. Upright branches are smothered in clouds of white flowers in spring. Glossy dark green leaves of summer turn bright golden yellow in autumn and are accented by small blue-black fruits. Golden-tan exfoliating bark lends winter interest to its narrow winter silhouette. A rare addition to your garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun /partial shade, Prefers well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water when top 3 in of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Slow growing to 15 to 20 ft. high, 20 to 25 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Small Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Glossy, handsome, ovate, dark green leaves that turn vibrant yellow shades in the fall. As it ages polished brown bark begins to exfoliate revealing shades of tan to gold that provide winter interest in the garden. In China, the young leaves of this tree are used as a substitute for tea and some are considered equal in fragrance to some of the best green teas.
- **Flowers:** Heavily clothed in spring with abundant clusters of fragrant, fluffy, snow-white flowers in spring. The flowers give way to attractive blueberry-like berries.

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