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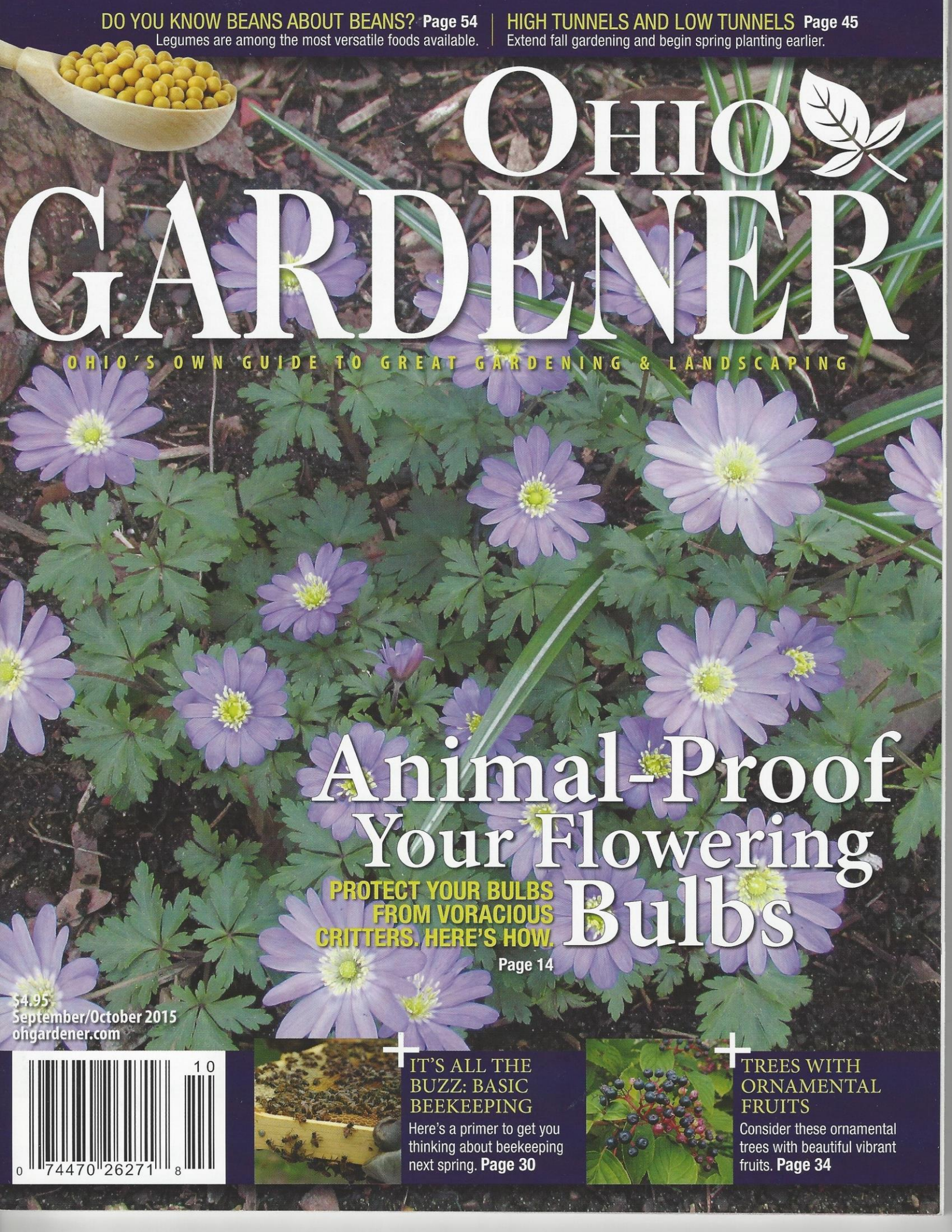
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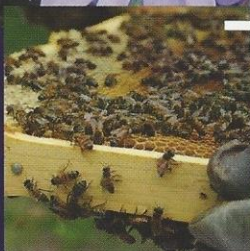
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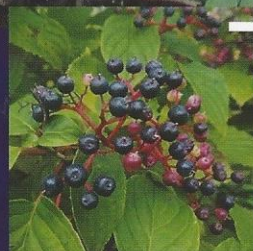
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TREES WITH ORNAMENTAL FRUITS

Story and photography by Scott A. Zanon

The beauty of ornamental fruit is an often overlooked aspect of trees. While some of you may argue that the fruit is messy and absolutely not ornamental, I beg to differ. I find fruit provides outstanding interest in the landscape. Some fruit is even edible to humans and all are edible

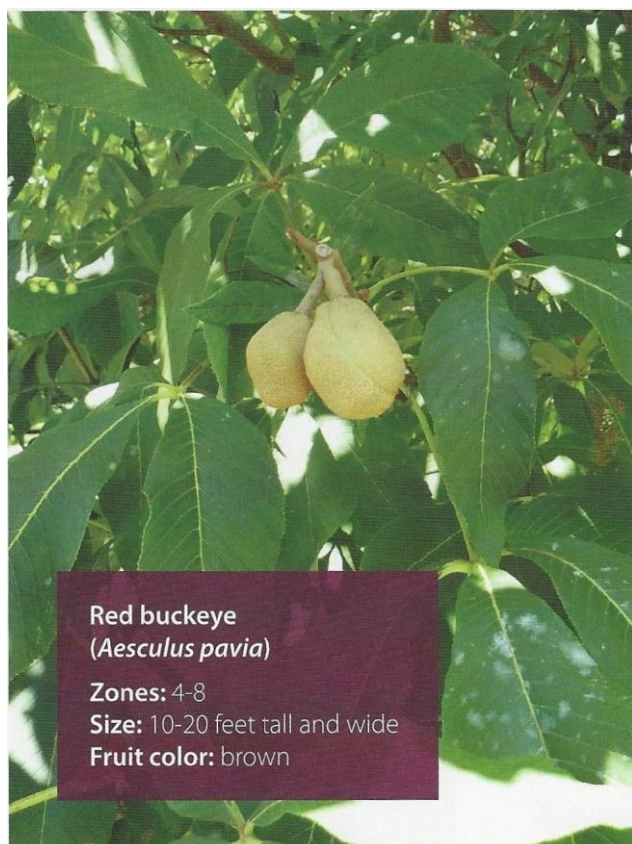
for our wildlife.

While any tree can be grown as and considered a specimen, the trees in this article are normally less than 25 feet tall. Ornamental trees are distinguished by one or more unique characteristics.

Many of the best trees with ornamental fruit are listed in this article

with important notes about each. I hope you carefully study these and consider planting a few in your property. As a bonus, all are also attractive in bloom and would stand out for their ornamental qualities even without regard for the beautiful and sometimes delicious fruit they provide.

Fall isn't just about colorful leaves – consider these ornamental trees with beautiful, vibrant fruits.



Red buckeye
(*Aesculus pavia*)

Zones: 4-8

Size: 10-20 feet tall and wide

Fruit color: brown

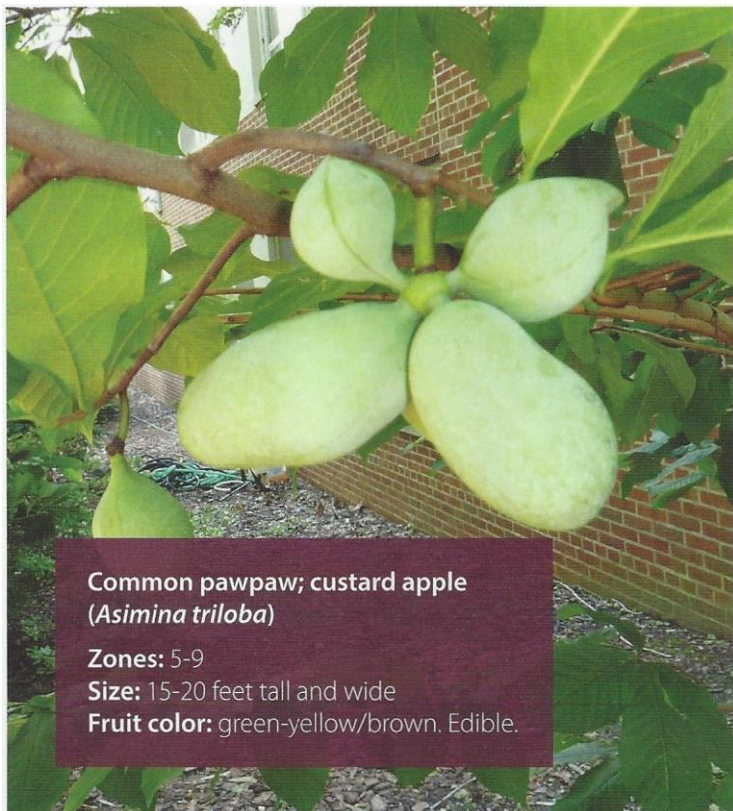


**Serviceberry; Juneberry; Sarvisberry;
Saskatoon; Shadblow; Shadbush**
(*Amelanchier* spp.)

Zones: 4-9

Size: 6-30 feet tall by 4-10 feet wide;
Cultivars, 12 feet tall by 10 feet wide

Fruit color: pink/rose, blue/purple. Edible.

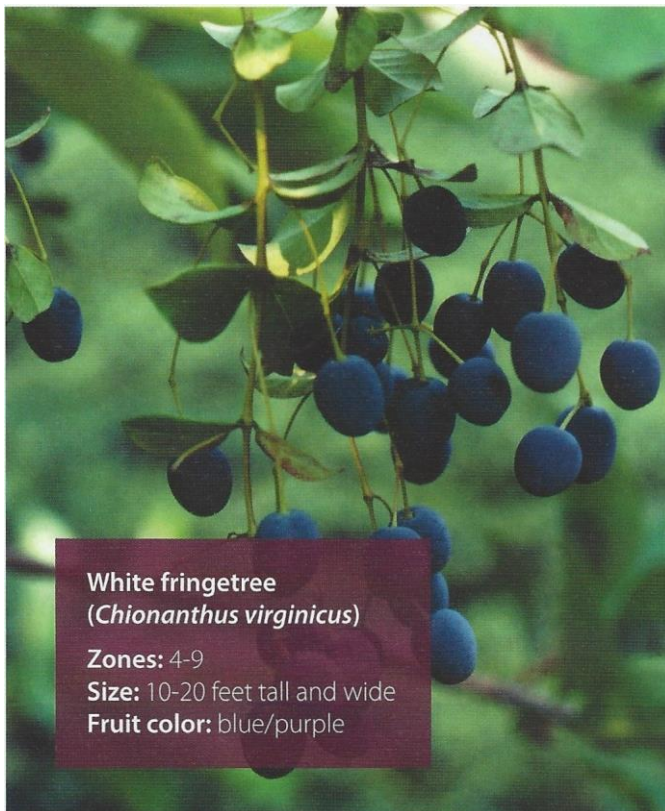


Common pawpaw; custard apple
(*Asimina triloba*)

Zones: 5-9

Size: 15-20 feet tall and wide

Fruit color: green-yellow/brown. Edible.

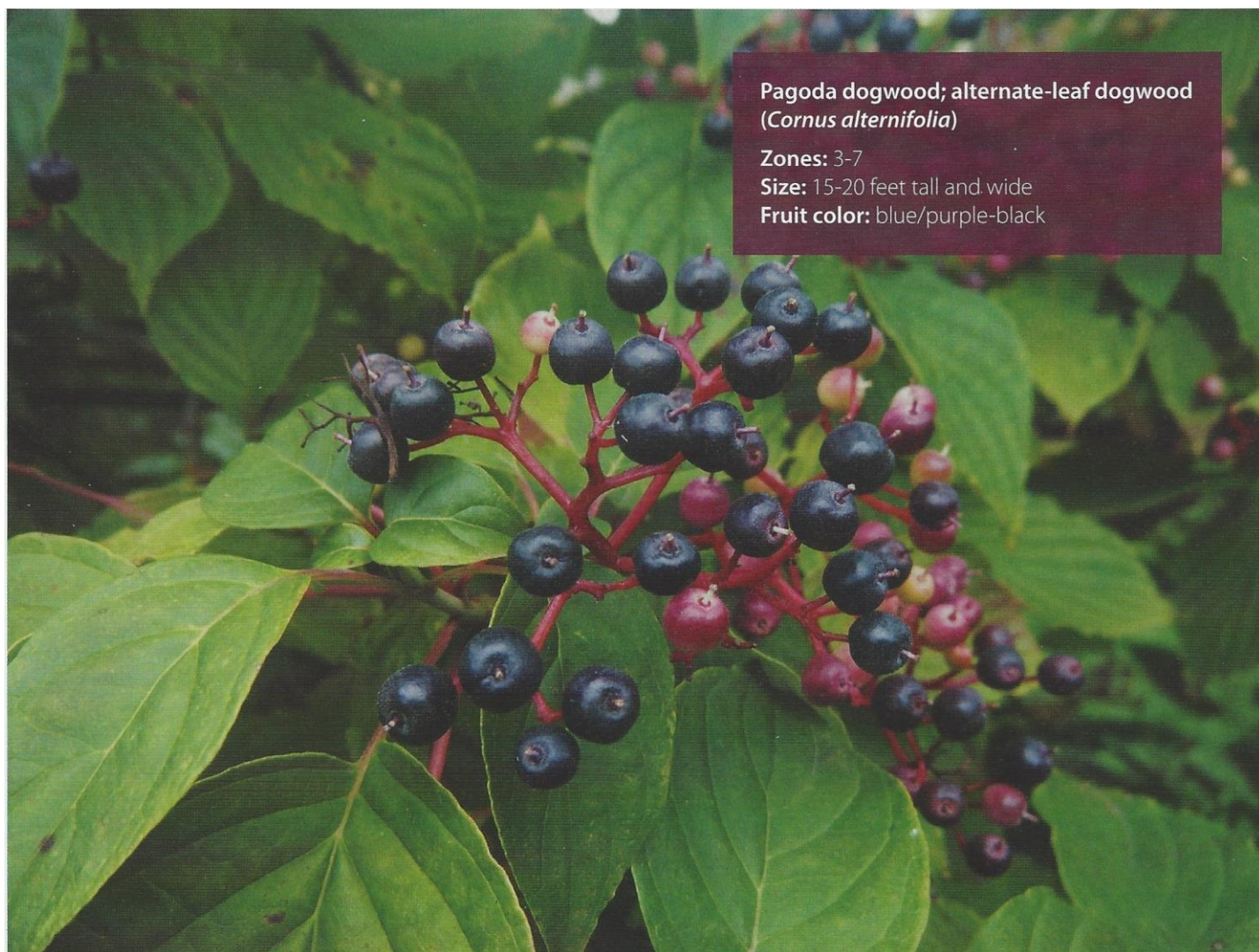


White fringetree
(*Chionanthus virginicus*)

Zones: 4-9

Size: 10-20 feet tall and wide

Fruit color: blue/purple

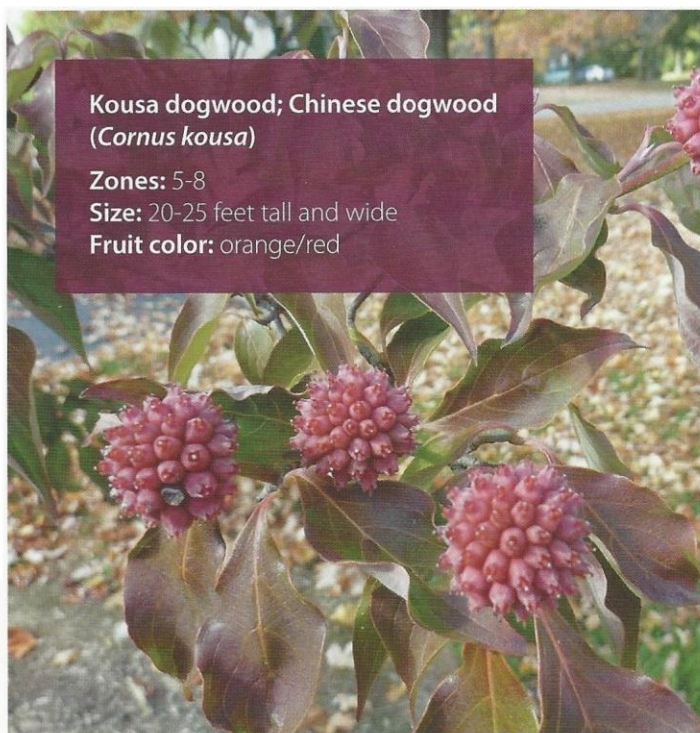


Pagoda dogwood; alternate-leaf dogwood
(*Cornus alternifolia*)

Zones: 3-7

Size: 15-20 feet tall and wide

Fruit color: blue/purple-black



Kousa dogwood; Chinese dogwood
(*Cornus kousa*)

Zones: 5-8

Size: 20-25 feet tall and wide

Fruit color: orange/red



Cornelian cherry dogwood
(*Cornus mas*)

Zones: 4-8

Size: 20 feet tall and wide

Fruit color: red. Edible. 🐇

Scott Zanon is the author of *Landscaping with Trees in the Midwest: A Guide for Residential and Commercial Properties*.

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