

Tree of the Month, June 2013: Pink dogwood (*Cornus kousa* 'Satomi')

By mid-June this small, deciduous tree will be absolutely covered in blooms, each a cluster of tiny green flowers surrounded by four bright pink bracts (modified leaves). 'Satomi' is a pink cultivar of *Cornus kousa*, a dogwood species native to China, Japan and Korea. In autumn the tree produces round, edible, red fruits, which are popular with birds and can be made into wine. At VanDusen there are two rows of pink dogwoods growing in near the pool in the Phyllis Bentall garden.