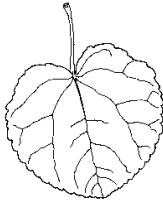


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The leaves which are heart-shaped look much like those of the Redbud (*Cercis*). They have wavy edges and do not come to as sharp a point at the end. The leaves turn orange to bright yellow in the Autumn.

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Katsura tree

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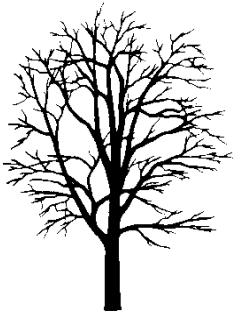
Katsura tree



Like the Redbud this tree produces flowers in the early spring, and short pods of seeds which mature in late summer.

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The bark is brown and ultimately gets slightly shaggy. Depending on the variety, the tree can grow erect or spread laterally over a large area.

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Katsura tree

The Redbud-like (*Cerci-*) leaves of the Katsura tree which grow opposite (*diphyllum*) each other on a branch give this tree its latin name. Thomas Hogg, the American consul to Japan in the late 19th Century, introduced many trees such as this to the West. He was also responsible for the introduction of the Fragrant Snowbell and Kudzu.

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