



*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*

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Katsura tree is dioecious. The male flowers (left) appear in a loose inflorescence comprised mostly of stamens that are deep pink at maturity. The female flowers (right) have 2-6 pistils with flat stigmas that are deep pink at maturity.



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Leaves simple and opposite to sub-opposite. They are cordate with scalloped margins.



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The fruit is a follicle. Each one is about 1 inch long and slightly curved. They start out green (left) and then darken (center). At maturity, the follicle opens on one suture (right) to release the seeds.



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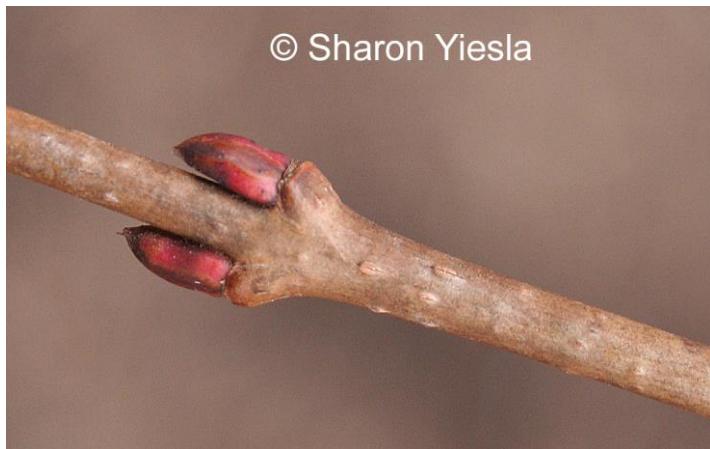


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Fall color is a mix of yellow, orange and apricot.



The stem is light reddish-brown with obvious [lenticels](#). The [nodes](#) are slightly swollen. The [valvate](#) buds are [opposite](#) to sub-opposite and deep pink in color.



The mature form is variable. It can be oval or rounded. The tree may be single- or multi-trunked. Height is 40-60 feet.



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Mature bark becomes platy or shaggy.

