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Cornus Venus makes its Chelsea debut

After almost 20 years of development Cornus Venus™ a striking new hybrid between Cornus nuttallii and Cornus kousa chinensis makes its Chelsea debut, taking centre stage in Capel Manor College's 'Cottage garden for a mature couple'.

Venus has already gained the acclaim of nurseryman in the UK and Europe after winning a prestigious award at IPM 2008 held in Essen Germany and the Grower of the Year Awards 2009 - Best New Plant variety.

Venus has extremely large creamy-white bracts, often with a diameter of 15cm, that almost cover the plant between mid to late May, lasting up to three weeks. The striking bracts make an unusual and long-lasting addition to cut-flower arrangements.

Cornus Venus™ is vigorous and hardy, with large glossy leaves, and sets a large amount of flowering buds even at a young age. Beautiful autumn colour in shades of yellow, orange and violet add an extra season of interest.

As all dogwoods, Venus prefers a slightly acid soil. Height and spread approx. 3-4 x 2m. Pruning is not necessary, but if required to keep in shape should be carried out immediately after flowering.

Available at Garden Centres throughout the UK, including selected Wyevale stores. Plants are supplied in a 7.5Lt pot retailing at around £60, for stockists call 01728 745158

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