**KoolKat™ Katsuratree**
*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* ‘KoolDak’ (Family: Cercidiphyllaceae)

**Description:** This is a cold hardy selection of *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* that has survived without damage in USDA climatic zone 3a at -37 degrees F. Foliage goes through an amazing seasonal color change from bronzy spring emergence, bluish-green in the summer to yellow/apricot in the fall. This selection is unique in that it has early fall dormancy as compared to the species assisting with increasing the winter hardiness.

**Hardiness:** USDA hardiness zones 3b – 8

**Mature Size:** Height: 35 – 40’, Spread: 20 – 25’

**Form (Shape):** Pyramidal when young, opening canopy with age

**Growth Rate:** Medium to fast

**Foliage:** Deciduous, bronze when expanding in spring  
  - Summer: Bluish-green  
  - Autumn: Yellow to apricot-orange

**Texture:** Medium

**Flower:** Dioecious, female flowers only. Red but not ornamental.

**Fruit:** Small (1/2” long) persistent banana-shaped pods.

**Special Features:** Extremely cold hardy selection.

**Light Preferences:** Full sun to light shade

**Soil Preferences:** Performs best in well-drained soil and is tolerant of higher pH soils without chlorosis.

**Propagation:** Stem cuttings or micropropagation

**Ornamental Attributes:** Heart (cordate) shaped leaves emerging reddish-purple in the spring, changing to blue-green as they mature for summer. In autumn, fall color will be yellow to apricot in color depending on the year with delightful cinnamon odor when senescing.

**Landscape Attributes:** pH adaptable. Recommended for use as a landscape, boulevard, parks and golf course tree.

**Comments:** This selection adds diversity to the colder climate landscape. Supplemental water suggested during establishment and drought.

**Availability:** Pending