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Parrotia persica

PERSIAN IRONWOOD TREE is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to north-western Iran it has clusters of inconspicuous flowers with conspicuous white and scarlet stamens all framed by leaf-like brown bracts followed by glossy deep green to bronze leaves that turn crimson, orange and yellow in Autumn.

It is also known as *Bois de fer* (French), Iron tree, Ironwood, *Papegøjebusk* (Danish), *Parocie perská* (Czech), Parrotia (English, French), Persian parrotia, and Persian witch-hazel.

Persica means ‘of or from Persia (Iran)’.

Persian ironwood tree is cultivated as an ornamental particularly for its Autumn colour and the flowering branches are sometimes used in floral arrangements.