



# *Callicarpa dichotoma* 'Duet'

The U.S. National Arboretum, in cooperation with Tennessee Technological University, presents 'Duet', a beautyberry with stable variegated foliage. In light shade or full sun, its lovely green and yellow leaves brighten the landscape throughout the summer season. Ease of propagation and low maintenance add to its symphony of charms. 'Duet' stars as a solo planting or as a mixed border or hedge, adding exciting contrast to your garden palette.





## 'Duet' Beautyberry

<b>Botanical Name:</b>	<i>Callicarpa dichotoma</i> 'Duet' (NA 72235; PI 651521)
<b>Family</b>	Verbenaceae
<b>Hardiness:</b>	USDA Zones 5-8
<b>Development:</b>	A variegated sport of <i>Callicarpa dichotoma</i> 'Albifructus' was discovered at Tennessee Technological University in 2000 by Dr. Gary Bachman and Mr. W. Edgar Davis. It was transferred to Dr. Sandra Reed for testing and evaluation in 2002. 'Duet' was released jointly by the U.S. National Arboretum and Tennessee Technological University on November 9, 2006. The cultivar name 'Duet' was registered in 2007 with the International Cultivar Registration Authority for unassigned genera.
<b>Significance:</b>	'Duet' is the first stable variegated beautyberry. It was selected for its variegated foliage and tolerance to full sun. Like other <i>Callicarpa</i> , its disease and insect tolerant foliage make it an ideal plant for a low maintenance landscape.
<b>Description:</b>	<b>Height and Width:</b> 6 feet tall and 6.5 feet wide in 4 years. <b>Habit:</b> Deciduous, rounded shrub. <b>Foliage:</b> Medium green with distinct yellow margins. Leaves average 3 inches long and 1 inch wide. While the variegation is very stable, an occasional green shoot may develop. <b>Flowers:</b> Inconspicuous flowers in mid-summer. <b>Fruit:</b> Small (0.1 inch diameter) white fruit ripen in September and persist for 1 to 2 weeks after leaf drop. Plants flower and produce fruit at a young age.
<b>Culture:</b>	'Duet' grows well in average soil of moderate fertility. It can be grown in full sun in zone 7 and cooler climates without the yellow margins of the leaves burning, but may benefit from light shade in warmer climates. Leaves on plants become sparse in heavy shade. While some winter dieback may occur in zone 5 or following late spring freezes, plants will quickly re-grow if cut back to the ground. Like other <i>Callicarpa</i> , 'Duet' is free of major disease and insect problems.
<b>Propagation:</b>	Softwood cuttings root in four weeks under mist with 4000 ppm KIBA.
<b>Landscape Use:</b>	Background planting in the shrub border, specimen plant, deciduous hedge or screen, mass planted in large areas.
<b>Availability:</b>	Wholesale availability beginning in 2007; retail availability projected for 2009. For a list of wholesale nurseries propagating this plant, contact Dr. Sandra Reed, U.S. National Arboretum, 472 Cadillac Lane, McMinnville, TN 37110.

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