



Acer platanoides 'Crimson King'



Height	10 - 15 m
Width	8-12m
Crown	wide conical to oval, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs light brown, bark smooth, dark grey
Leaf	5-lobed, shiny dark reddish purple, about 20 cm
Flowers	yellow-green, in corymbs, April, before the leaf development
Fruits	winged nutlets (samara), 3.5 - 4.5 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	any soil, except peat
Soil moisture	withstand short flood
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	good: cannot tolerate sea wind
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for butterflies
Application	avenues and broad streets, industrial areas
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Barbier & Co., Orléans, France, 1937

A medium-sized tree to 15 m tall. The crown is wide conical to oval. In maturity strongly akin to 'Crimson Sentry', but especially when juvenile it has a wider crown. 'Crimson King' also grows much more vigorously. The leaf is shiny dark red. Flowers and fruit are typical of the species. Was selected in Belgium in 1937 by the French company Barbier & Co., but only introduced in 1947 by Gulfstream Nursery, USA. Used as park tree and solitary. The cultivar grows in any soil, but does not tolerate stagnant groundwater and peaty soils. Good wind tolerance.