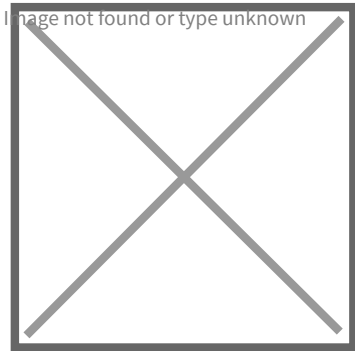




Albizia julibrissin



Height	8 - 15 m
Crown	vase-like, umbel, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	trunk grey, twigs from green to brown
Leaf	twice pinnate, dark green, circa 40 cm, feathered leaf
Flowers	light pink, clustered in dense heads, July/August
Fruits	Pods up to 15 cm long, flat with light brown seeds
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	tolerates drought
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7b (-14,9 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Fauna tree	can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
Origin	China to Iran

A wide tree that has almost horizontal growing branches. The bark is dark grey and the young twigs have an olive green colour, but turn to dark grey later. The large leaf can attain a length of 40 cm. The twice pinnate leaf consists of 4 to 11 parts, each with 15 to 28 pairs of small, crescent-shaped leaflets and a delicately curved margin. The whole resembles the leaf of a fern and is very decorative. The leaflets close in the evening. The flowers cluster in dense heads on long stalks and catch the attention by their purple red stamens that can become 3 cm long. The pods attain a length of 15 cm and rarely open. Widely planted in countries around the Mediterranean. Requires shielding in severe winters. Albizia julibrissin has a characteristic manner of growth and ornamental leaves. The fact that it flowers less abundantly in cooler climates should not be a problem.