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*Aralia elata* 'Variegata', like the green-leaved species *A. elata*, this variegated variant is also a very characteristic tree. It has more or less the same growth form as the green-leaved species and grows with relatively few, thick branches into a vase-shaped, later round tree of about 5 m. Initially, the tree grows vase-shaped, but at a later age the growth length decreases and the crown becomes round. The thick branches are strongly spiny. The double-pinnate leaves are very large, sometimes up to more than a metre long. They consist of up to 80 partial leaves that are green with narrow creamy-white margins. The autumn colours are yellow to orange-red with the white-white parts turning redder. Large panicles of creamy white flowers appear in August, sometimes followed by small black fruits. The flowers are crowded by bees. Like *A. elata*, 'Variegata' prefers a somewhat sheltered spot in full sun or semi-shade. The tree can form a lot of root storage through underground shoots, which can be a nuisance in some cases. Prevent the tree from catching a lot of wind; the large compound leaves are easily damaged. Plant the tree in nutrient-rich, humus-rich soil that is sufficiently moist, even though temporary drought is well tolerated. Beautiful solitary tree or for use