



Catalpa ovata



Height	6 - 10 m
Width	6-10m
Crown	wide, round, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	grey brown, shallow fissures, peeling in long plates
Leaf	wide heart-shaped, often 3 (5) lobes, green, 12 - 18 cm
Flowers	cream-white in ± 15 cm long panicles, July/August , fragrant flowers
Fruits	to 30 cm long, thin capsules
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few requirements, not too wet
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate to poor
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Central and West China

A tree from China with wide spreading main branches, creating a wide, round and slightly undulating crown. The bark is grey brown and peels in long, narrow plates. The hard wood of the twigs breaks easily. The leaf is distinctly different from *C. bignonioides*. The wide leaf is heart-shaped and usually has 3 to 5 clearly angular lobes. It is acuminate and has entire margins. The underside of the leaf is blue green and tomentose. The leaf only emerges late in spring and in autumn it is shed relatively early. When bruised it smells distinctively. The slightly fragrant flowers are small and white to pale yellow. They have red brown to purple-coloured spots and stripes. The capsules are up to 1 cm wide and in pendulous clusters. They persist in winter. *Catalpa ovata* often has a short trunk that forks strongly in the crown. The flowers of this *Catalpa* are a little smaller than those of other types.