



Edgeworthia chrysantha



Height	1-2 m, slow growing
Width	2-2,5m
Crown	vase-shaped, light, open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	brown, yellow-brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	yellow, flowers in February, fragrant flowers
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, sandy soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	8 (-12,2 to -6,7 °C)
Application	tree containers, small gardens, patio gardens

The Edgeworthia chrysantha, commonly known as the Paperbush in the UK, stands out as a distinguished addition to any garden or landscape project. This medium-sized shrub is characterised by its broad to very broad vase-shaped growth, reaching heights of approximately 1 to 1.5 metres. Notably, the shrub tends to become wider than it is tall, contributing to its unique shape and presence. The Paperbush is notable for its cinnamon-brown, relatively thick twigs which are remarkably flexible. As it ages, the bark turns a darker brown to grey-brown, giving the plant an interesting texture through the seasons. Its foliage consists of thin, elongated leaves with a glossy dark green appearance, adding a vibrant touch to the shrub. One of the most spectacular features of the Paperbush is its early flowering period. Before the leaves emerge, beautiful spherical flower clusters bloom in February and March. These clusters are composed of individual trumpet-shaped flowers that are light yellow to golden yellow on the inside, while the outside is covered with a silver-grey, soft hair. This makes the Edgeworthia chrysantha a true focal point in the garden during the latter winter months. The bark fibres of the Paperbush have an interesting application; they are used to make high-quality paper, ideal for calligraphy and exclusive antique wallpaper. This highlights the versatility of the plant, which has both aesthetic and practical value. For optimal growth, the Edgeworthia chrysantha requires a moist, well-draining, humus-rich soil, preferably with a component of clay. Although the shrub is a beautiful addition to the garden, it has moderate wind resistance and does not fare well against cold, dry winds. This is an important consideration for placement and care of the plant.