



Oxydendrum arboreum



Height	8-10 (25) m
Width	4-6m
Crown	oval, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs olive green, bark dark grey-brown, deeply grooved
Leaf	ovate-lanceolate, 8-15 cm long, slightly leathery, glossy dark green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red, purple
Flowers	white, in pendulous panicles up to 25 cm long, individual flowers urn-shaped, 6-8 mm, July-August
Fruits	dry drupe, light greenish yellow, long lasting
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)

Oxydendrum arboreum is a slow-growing, small- to medium-sized tree that grows 8-10 m tall in cultivation. In the wild, the tree can grow over 25 m tall under ideal conditions. The tree forms an irregular pyramidal crown. The bark is dark grey-brown, with deep longitudinal grooves that become horizontal transverse grooves, creating a block-like structure. The glossy dark green leaves can turn intense deep purplish-red for weeks in autumn before falling off. If the tree is in a sunny location, the autumn colours will be significantly better. Loose panicles of white, urn-shaped flowers appear in July and August. After flowering, it takes until winter for the light greenish-yellow box fruits to turn brown and dry out. When the tree shows its autumn colours, it often still looks like it is flowering, when it is the light-coloured fruits.