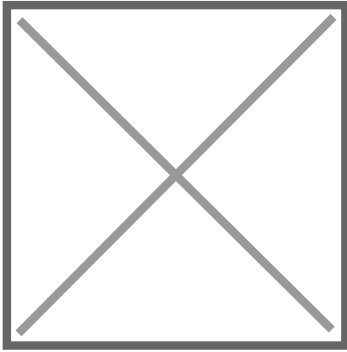




Koelreuteria bipinnata



Height	9-12 m
Width	7-10m
Crown	irregularly round
Bark and branches	twigs dark brown, bark grey-brown, slightly grooved
Leaf	double to triple pinnate, up to 50 cm long, leaves smooth-edged
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	yellow, in large terminal panicles up to 30 (50) cm long, August-September
Fruits	vesicular, pink to pink-red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	makes very few demands on the soil, stands up to dry conditions
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7 (-17,7 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Fauna tree	valuable for butterflies
Application	tree containers, roof gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

At first sight, *Koelreuteria bipinnata* looks very similar to the better-known *K. paniculata*. Yet there are the necessary differences. The annual twigs of *K. bipinnata* are up to three times thicker than those of *K. paniculata*. Also, the compound leaves are double to triple pinnate, where in *K. paniculata* they are pinnate to sometimes double pinnate. The leaves are unlobed in *K. bipinnata*. An important difference also shows itself after flowering; the bladder-shaped fruits of *K. bipinnata* are beautiful pink to pink-red. Unfortunately, this species can also spread easily, especially in warmer locations. The tree forms an irregularly rounded crown that later sags slightly. This makes *K. bipinnata* almost unsuitable as avenue tree. Quite apart from the fact that paving is not tolerated. Thanks to its good drought and heat tolerance, the tree does well as a solitary in sunny locations. In addition, the flowers attract very many bees.