



Staphylea pinnata



Height	2-5 m
Width	2-4m
Crown	oval, later vase-shaped, half open crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	creamy white to greenish white, flowers in May-June, fragrant flowers
Fruits	yellow brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	tree containers, small gardens
Shape	multi-stem treem
Origin	Central and Southern Europe, Asia Minor

Staphylea pinnata is a large shrub to small, multi-stemmed tree up to about 5 m high. The tree grows distinctly upright and is quite narrow at a young age. Later, it widens and will develop a vase-shaped crown. The branches are uniform olive green and the leaf buds are always pointed straight up, parallel to the twigs. The odd-pinnate leaves usually consist of five leaflets, sometimes three and rarely seven. The upper side of the leaves is bright green, the underside is blue-green. Around late May and early June, the flowers open in erect panicles. The individual flowers are white with a green base and they are sometimes slightly reddened. The colour impression is greenish-white to cream. The flowers are followed by the typically inflated fruits that are characteristic of any Staphylea. In *S. pinnata*, they are 2- to 3-lobed and 3 cm long and wide. Staphylea pinnata is a strong small tree that will grow well on any nutritious, sufficiently moist but permeable soil. It is a typical warm-temperate tree that should preferably be planted in a sunny location.