



Staphylea trifolia



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, 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	Eastern North America

Staphylea trifolia is a large, multi-stemmed shrub, rarely a small tree, up to about 5 m high. The species grows distinctly upright and is quite narrow when young. Later, it widens and will develop a vase-shaped crown. The annual branches are yellow-green and initially hairy. The pale green leaf buds are always slightly angled upwards. The leaves are always trifoliate, with the top leaf having a remarkably long stalk. The upper side of the leaves is dark green, the underside is lighter and slightly downy-hairy. In May, the flowers open in nodding clusters. The individual flowers are greenish-white with pale green calyxes. The colour impression is greenish-white to cream. The flowers are followed by the typically inflated fruits characteristic of any Staphylea. In S. trifolia, they are 3-lobed and 3-4 cm long.

Staphylea trifolia grows naturally on moist riverbanks. It is a strong shrub that will grow well on any nutritious, sufficiently moist but permeable soil. It is a typical warm-season shrub that should preferably be planted in a sunny location.