



Ginkgo biloba



Height	15 - 25 (35) m
Width	9-12m
Crown	narrow pyramidal, later spreading, light, open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	greyish brown, old trunk has deep grooves, twigs greyish brown
Leaf	fan-shaped, parallel veins, in bundles of 3 - 5, 7 - 10 cm x 5 - 8 cm
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	unremarkable, single or in pairs, in 3 - 5 cm long catkins
Fruits	round, Ø 2 - 3 cm, pale yellow to orange
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	all
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	avenues and broad streets, tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem tree, clearstem conifer, specimen conifer
Origin	China

A deciduous tree that is narrow and pyramidal at first, but later spreads out as it grows. The trunk is greyish brown and later deeply grooved. Very mature trunks have characteristic bumps. The leaf and flowers are on short shoots. The fan-shaped leaves grow in bundles of 3 - 5 together and have an incised top. In the autumn the leaves turn a striking golden yellow. At the same time, fruit appears that has an unpleasant odour when ripe. The tree does not bear fruit until it is 20 - 50 years old. The tree is naturally dioecious, but mature trees may bear both male and female flowers. Ginkgo is very resistant to air pollution and requires a site with ample light. The tree occurred as long as 250 million years ago and has survived many epochs, including the dinosaur age. The oldest living specimens are approximately 1,000 years old. Ginkgo biloba can attain a considerable age. In Japan there are specimens of which it is said that they are more than 1000 years old.