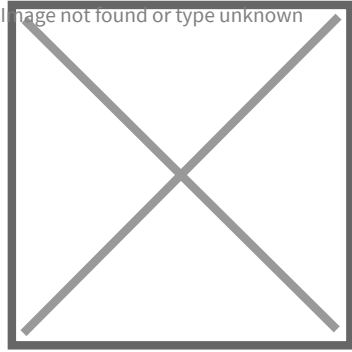




Ginkgo biloba FASTIGIATA

BLAGON ('Blagon')



Height	15 - 20 m
Width	2-3m
Crown	columnar, light, open crown
Bark and branches	twigs light brown, bark grey-brown, later deeply grooved
Leaf	fan-shaped, in clusters of 3 - 5, up to 10 cm long and wide, green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	green, inconspicuous, April/May
Fruits	fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, clearstem conifer, specimen conifer
Origin	Derly Obtentions, Authevernes, France, 1999

Large columnar tree, 15 to 20 m tall with steeply rising main branches. Twigs are light brown and smooth, mature bark is grey-brown and deeply grooved when older. The typical fan-shaped leaves are the trademark of Ginkgo, 'Blagon' is no exception. They are up to 10 cm long and wide. In autumn the leaves turn intense golden yellow. This French selection has a columnar growth habit that is more or less the same as 'Princeton Sentry'. The cultivar name refers to the village of the same name near Bordeaux where the tree was found. For commercial reasons and because the nomenclature rules do not allow the inclusion of a Latin word (fastigiata) in the cultivar name, the trade name Fastigiata Blagon was chosen to show that this is a columnar tree. The strong rising branching pattern makes this tree very suitable for narrower streets.