



Betula albosinensis 'Fascination'



Height	6 - 10 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	wide pyramidal, loose , half-open crown, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	beautiful red bark, red-brown twigs
Leaf	ovate, tip acuminate, dark green, 6 - 8 cm
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	catkins, light yellow, same time as the leaf appears, 8 - 13 cm, April
Fruits	fruiting catkins, 3.5 - 4.5 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few requirements
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Fa. C. Esveld, Boskoop, (NL), 1986

A nice, small-leaved Dutch selection from the species. Due to its slow growth rate it takes many years before a height of 10 m is attained. The spread of the tree is circa 6 m then. The spreading pyramidal crown has numerous thin, flexible, weeping branches with a red-brown colour. The bark has a beautiful dark-red colour and already peels at an early stage. The dark-green leaf is bare on top, underneath it is glandular haired. It is oblong-ovate and acuminate at the tip. The leaf is narrower and more oblong than of the species. The margin is double serrated. 'Fascination' sprouts early in spring and in autumn it turns golden yellow. The green-yellow flowers appear in pendulous catkins in April. The tree is shallow-rooting with a dense root system and numerous fibrous rootlets.