



Fraxinus ornus



Height	8 - 15 m
Width	8-12m
Crown	spreading oval to almost round, irregular, half-open crown
Bark and branches	smooth, grey bark
Leaf	odd-pinnate, 7 leaflets, mat blue green, 20 - 25 cm , feathered leaf
Flowers	terminal panicles, (cream) white, May/June, very fragrant, fragrant flowers
Fruits	winged fruit (key), 2,5 - 3,5 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	drier calcareous soils
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, industrial areas
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
Origin	South Europe, West Asia

Fraxinus ornus has a spreading oval to round, irregular crown. Mature specimen can attain a height of 15 m, but usually they do not grow higher than circa 10 m. The grey bark is smooth. The odd-pinnate leaf is blue green to mat green, becomes 20 - 25 cm and consists of 7 leaflets that have a finely serrated margin. In contrast with F. excelsior F. ornus has brown to purplish, velvety grey leaf buds. Inflorescence shows white to creamy-white very fragrant flowers in conspicuous, upright and terminal panicles. These appear after the leaf in May/June. F. ornus forms winged nuts of circa 3 cm, which appear in clusters. The tree can be used as a park tree and is suitable for industrial estates. Tolerates drier, calcareous soils. Well resistant to wind.