



## Gleditsia triacanthos 'Goofy'



<b>Height</b>	3 - 6 m
<b>Width</b>	3-4m
<b>Crown</b>	irregular ovoid, light, open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	branches reddish brown, bark grey, smooth
<b>Leaf</b>	pinnate, curled, glossy mid-green
<b>Flowers</b>	none
<b>Fruits</b>	none, fruitless cultivar
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few requirements
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), resistant to de-icing salt
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree
<b>Origin</b>	Peter Cave, Hamilton, New Zealand 1991

Curious, small tree with a very loose branch pattern and an open, irregular ovoid crown. The relatively thin, thornless twigs are reddish brown. The mature bark is grey and smooth. The leaves are pinnate as in other *Gleditsia*, but because the leaf stem is curled, the leaves appear to be grouped in clusters. Because the leaves always grow in groups along the twigs, this effect is reinforced, giving the tree its curious appearance. That is why this strange tree is called 'Goofy'. The leaves are shiny green, turning slightly yellow in autumn. Has few flowers or none at all, so does not produce any fruit either. Due to the striking shape, only suitable for parks and gardens. Tolerates paving and is moderately sensitive to wind.