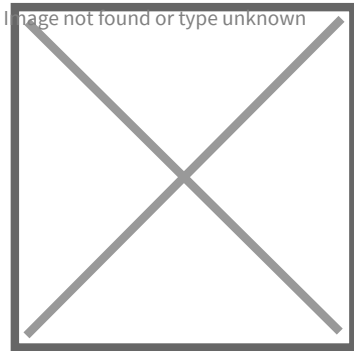




## Lindera benzoin



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| <b>Height</b>                | 3-5 m                                                               |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 3-5m                                                                |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | vase-shaped, half-open crown                                        |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | twigs green to olive-green-brown, bark brown-grey, slightly grooved |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | elliptical to obovate, 7-12 cm long, bright green                   |
| <b>Autumn colour</b>         | yellow                                                              |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | unisexual, green-yellow, in dense axillary bundles, March-April     |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | berry-shaped drupe, 1-1.8 cm long, red                              |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None                                                                |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock             |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil                                 |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving                                                 |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)                                              |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | moderate                                                            |
| <b>Other resistances</b>     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)                                       |
| <b>Application</b>           | small gardens, patio gardens                                        |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | clearstem tree, multi-stem tree                                     |

Lindera benzoin is a large shrub with a round crown formed by dense branching with thin twigs and branches. The annual twigs are greenish, while the old, slightly furrowed bark is brownish-grey. The rather narrow leaves are bright green and turn an intense golden yellow in autumn. Both twigs and leaves are highly aromatic when damaged. The flowers open before the leaves emerge. This makes a flowering Lindera benzoin somewhat similar to Cornus mas, which, incidentally, is much coarser and flowers more yellowish. L. benzoin has unisexual flowers, which appear on separate male and female plants. As a result, the fruits are often not visible. Firstly, they are hidden under the leaves; secondly, female flowers must also be pollinated by male ones. It is a plant that grows naturally in moist, woody areas along forest edges. Any soil will do, as long as it is moist enough, but well-drained. Can grow in both full sun and light shade.