



Quercus xwarei 'Wind Candle'



Height	10-12 m
Width	2-3m
Crown	column-shaped, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	grey
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	yellowgreen, flowers in May
Fruits	brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
Application	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, industrial areas, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree

'Wind Candle' is a moderately strong-growing columnar tree growing 10-12 m tall. Later in life, the crown becomes narrowly oval. The upright branches grow steeply, creating a dense crown. The leaves are inversely ovate and regularly lobed. They are distinctly larger than in *Q. robur* 'Fastigiata', one of the parents of 'Wind Candle'. In summer, the leaves are glossy dark green. In autumn, the leaves turn yellow to yellow-brown. The withered leaves remain in the tree well into winter before falling off, usually into spring. 'Wind Candle' is a strong tree that grows best on nutrient-rich, moist soil. The tree has high resistance to mildew and is very wind resistant.

'Wind Candle' was selected as a seedling by Guy Sternberg, an authority on oaks from Petersburg, Illinois, USA. The tree resulted from a cross between *Quercus bicolor* and *Q. robur* 'Fastigiata'. Hardiness zone 6.