



Styrax obassia



Height	10 - 15 m
Width	5-8m
Crown	broad ovoid to round, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs reddish brown, bark grey, smooth
Leaf	broad oval to round, dark green, 5 - 20 cm
Flowers	in racemes, 10 - 20 cm, white with yellow stamens, approx. 2 cm, June, fragrant flowers
Fruits	ovoid drupe, white to yellowish, hairy
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	light loamy and humic soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Japan, Korea, Northern China

Very large shrub or medium-size to large tree with a broad ovoid to round crown. The young twigs are reddish brown, initially hairy, later turning dark purple and hairless to slightly scaling. The bark of older trees is grey and smooth. The large leaves are almost round with a strikingly pointed tip. They are dark green. The lower two leaves of each shoot are virtually opposite each other. The other leaves are spread along the twig. The leaf base is broad, hollow and encloses the bud. The flowers open in June and hang in long racemes. The individual flowers measure approx. 2 cm and are white with yellow stamens. They have a very strong, pleasant fragrance. The tree usually blossoms very abundantly making it very bee friendly. The flowers are followed by hard, ovoid, white to yellowish hairy drupes with a dark green calyx.