



Zelkova serrata 'Urban Ruby'



Height	10-12 m
Width	5-6m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	flaking, grey, orange
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	green, flowers in May-June
Fruits	green, brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	avenues and broad streets, tree containers
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree

'Urban Ruby' is a medium-sized tree with a vase-shaped crown of 10-12 m in height. As with the species *Z. serrata*, the grey-brown bark peels off after a few years, revealing the orange-brown underbark. The tips of the young branches are slightly overhanging, giving the tree a graceful habit. The ovoid to oblong leaves are up to 9 cm long and dark green. The most striking feature of 'Urban Ruby' is that the young leaves are dark red. In autumn, the leaves turn bronze red to orange-red. Flowering is insignificant and the small, bean-shaped fruits are not very striking either. 'Urban Ruby' is a lovely park tree, but also suitable for use in wide avenues and greenbelts. The fact that the tree grows slightly less vigorously than the species *Z. serrata* is an advantage. The tree grows in any humous, loamy soil, provided it is sufficiently moist. 'Urban Ruby' was introduced by Hanno Hardijzer from Boskoop before 1993. Hardiness zone 6a.