



Acer ×freemanii 'Elegant'



Height	ca. 20 m
Crown	fan shaped, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	no particulars
Leaf	3/5 lobed, green, 10 - 20 cm
Autumn colour	orange, red
Flowers	green-yellow, later red, March/April
Fruits	none, fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any soil, moderate dry to moist
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	avenues and broad streets, parks, squares, cemeteries, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
Origin	Grootendorst, Boskoop, The Netherlands, 1969
Synonyms	Acer saccharinum 'Elegant'

At first this plant was considered to be an unnamed clone of *A. saccharinum* and it received the cultivar name 'Elegant'. The plant was sold under this name for some years until it was concluded that this tree belongs to the hybrid *Acer x freemanii*. It is a tall tree with a wide crown of which the main branches point upwards diagonally. The growth habit is more evenly and more compact than that of *A. saccharinum*. The thick leaves are palmatifid, a feature indicating the influence of the *A. saccharinum*. A great advantage, in contrast to the *A. saccharinum*, is, that 'Elegant' is better wind resistant. The tree thrives well in hard surfaces and it is therefore perfectly suitable for wide streets and avenues. It is an outstanding example of a park tree.