



## Acer xfreemanii 'Elegant'



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