



Acer platanoides 'Faassen's Black'



Height	12 - 15 (20) m
Crown	wide conical, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	bark dark grey, branches light brown
Leaf	5/7-lobed, dark red brown, circa 16 cm
Flowers	yellow green, in corymbs, April, before the leaves appear
Fruits	winged nutlets (samara), 3.5 - 4.5 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	any soil, except peat
Soil moisture	withstand short flood
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
Wind resistance	not very sensitive, not resistant to sea wind
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, industrial areas, large gardens, windbreaks
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Faassen-Hekkens, Tegelen (NL), 1946

Medium-sized tree that can reach a height of 15 - 20 m. The crown is dense and irregular, wide conical. A mature tree can have a crown width of circa 8 m. The unfurling leaf is light red, in summer it turns deep red-brown. 'Faassen's Black' strongly resembles 'Crimson King', but the leaf of 'Faassen's Black' is darker and duller. The tree was selected from the same sowing as 'Crimson King'. The green-yellow flowers appear just before the leaf unfurls. This makes the tree a real harbinger of spring. The unfolding, red leaf makes a bold contrast with the yellow flowers. 'Faassen's Black' grows in any soil, but does not tolerate stagnating groundwater and peaty soil. The tree is good wind resistant. The cultivar A. p. 'Royal Red' is less sensitive to mildew.