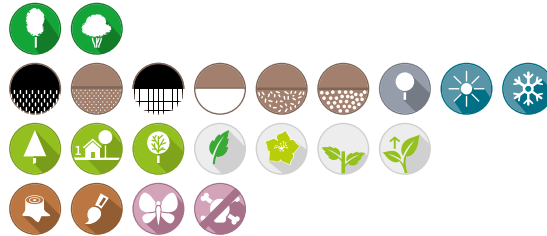




## Betula ermanii 'Blush'



<b>Height</b>	10 - 15 m
<b>Crown</b>	wide pyramidal, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	white bark with red hue
<b>Leaf</b>	narrow ovoid with acute top, dark green, 9 - 11 cm
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	catkins, yellow green, single and erect, 4 - 6 cm, April
<b>Fruits</b>	ovoid fruiting catkins, 2 - 3 cm long
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few requirements, tolerates rather moist soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no 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>	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Dutch selection
<b>Synonyms</b>	Betula costata HORT

Wide shrub to average-sized tree with a wide pyramidal crown. Because of its width and the fairly low starting branching, it is a tree that requires space. Often mistaken for *B. costata* due to its large resemblance, but is however, a variety of *B. ermanii*. The white bark often has a red hue, which explains the cultivar name of 'Blush'. Because of this very nice colour of the stem it is a beautiful park tree, which is worthwhile planting, both as a solitary and in groups. The leaf is strong and has a double-toothed margin. It is bigger than of the *B. ermanii* 'Holland', the autumn colour is strikingly yellow. The tree is shallow rooting with a delicate root system and many fibrous rootlets. Susceptible to (sea) wind.