



## Betula medwediewii 'Gold Bark'



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| <b>Height</b>                | 6 - 10 m  |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | broad pyramidal to round, half-open crown                                   |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | glossy, pale gold, slightly peeling   |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | wide elliptical to ovate, shiny deep green, 8 - 12 cm                       |
| <b>Autumn colour</b>         | yellow  |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | Catkins, 3 - 3.5 cm and erect, 4 - 9 cm, yellow-green, May                  |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | yellowish brown fruiting catkins, 4 - 4.5 cm                                |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None  |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock                     |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | few soil requirements, tolerates slight drought                             |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving   |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)  |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | very good   |
| <b>Other resistances</b>     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind                           |
| <b>Fauna tree</b>            | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, 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>                | Alphons van der Bom, Oudenbosch, Netherlands, circa 1965                    |

Grows from a multi-stemmed shrub into a small or medium-size tree. The broadly pyramidal to virtually round crown is densely branched, with sturdy, fairly thick twigs. The young twigs are brown to grey-brown with conspicuous lenticels. Older branches and bark have a glossy, pale gold colour. The trunk peels only lightly. The leaves turn intense golden yellow in autumn. The leaves are fairly large for a birch. As the tree ages, the leaves will become smaller. Blossoming comes fairly late in spring. Typically of the species, 'Gold Bark' blossoms with fairly large catkins, which adds to its decorative value. Was selected for its good bark colour and the more tree-shaped habit. Although the tree tolerates wind well, it does best in a somewhat sheltered place.