



Gleditsia triacanthos 'Goofy'



Height	3 - 6 m
Crown	irregular ovoid, light, open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	branches reddish brown, bark grey, smooth
Leaf	pinnate, curled, glossy mid-green
Flowers	none
Fruits	none, fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few requirements
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), resistant to de-icing salt
Application	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Peter Cave, Hamilton, New Zealand 1991

Curious, small tree with a very loose branch pattern and an open, irregular ovoid crown. The relatively thin, thornless twigs are reddish brown. The mature bark is grey and smooth. The leaves are pinnate as in other *Gleditsia*, but because the leaf stem is curled, the leaves appear to be grouped in clusters. Because the leaves always grow in groups along the twigs, this effect is reinforced, giving the tree its curious appearance. That is why this strange tree is called 'Goofy'. The leaves are shiny green, turning slightly yellow in autumn. Has few flowers or none at all, so does not produce any fruit either. Due to the striking shape, only suitable for parks and gardens. Tolerates paving and is moderately sensitive to wind.