



Gleditsia triacanthos STREET KEEPER ('Draves')



Height	10 - 13 m
Crown	narrow pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	branches olive green, thornless, bark grey-brown
Leaf	pinnate or bipinnate, glossy dark green, feathered leaf
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	a few light green racemes, june/july
Fruits	hardly any, flattened pods, dark reddish brown
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 paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, parks, squares, cemeteries, roof gardens, industrial areas, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Timothy C. Brotzman, Madison, OH, USA & Thomas M. Draves, Darien, NY, USA, 2009
Synonyms	Gleditsia triacanthos 'Street Keeper'

Medium-size tree with a narrow pyramidal crown, up to approx. 13 m. Because the trunk grows a straight central leader with little forking, it forms a regular crown. The thornless twigs are olive green, while the older bark is smooth and grey-brown. Grows thicker than other Gleditsia cultivars. The compound leaf emerges late. It is glossy dark green, turning golden yellow in autumn. Does not blossom very profusely, so produces hardly any fruit. Easier to cultivate in comparison to other Gleditsias. Very good street and avenue tree: can grow amid paved surfaces. Also suitable for industrial areas.