



Liquidambar styraciflua 'Silver King'



Height	20 m
Crown	broad pyramidal, relatively open, half-open crown, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	Dark grey, grooved, hardly any corky fissures on branches and twigs
Leaf	palmetely lobed, 5 lobes, glossy grey-green with irregular creamy white margin, 7 - 14 cm long
Flowers	yellow-green, inconspicuous, April/May
Fruits	round, spiky capsule on long stem, 3 - 3.5 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile, loamy soil
Soil moisture	suitable for wet soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	avenues and broad streets, parks, squares, cemeteries, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Synonyms	Liquidambar styraciflua 'Variegata'

Large tree with a broad, pyramidal, fairly open crown. The boughs stand at a fairly wide angle to the trunk. The grey bark is grooved. The young twigs are light yellow-green and have hardly any corky fissures. The leaf is glossy grey-green with irregular, creamy white margins and occasionally spots. The inconspicuous flowers are followed by spiky capsules that persist in the winter. Has no real autumn colour, but the green parts turn pinkish, producing an intriguing effect. In the past, various silver and gold coloured cultivars were grown under the name 'Variegata'. For the sake of clarity, this tree was named 'Silver King'. Unusual avenue tree for use in parks, wide streets and avenues, or on green belts. Prefers fertile, moist soil: cannot tolerate persisting drought.