



Morus latifolia 'Spirata'



Height	8 m
Crown	broad vase-shaped to round, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs yellow-brown, zigzag and strongly curved and curled, bark grey-green to grey-brown, regularly grooved
Leaf	broad ovate to heart-shaped, 15 - 22 cm, glossy green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	inconspicuous in pendent catkins, green, exclusively female, May/June
Fruits	none (never observed), fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	light and well drained, preferably calcareous
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	parks, tree containers, large gardens
Shape	multi-stem tree
Origin	Japan, before 1978
Synonyms	<i>Morus alba 'Spirata'</i> , <i>Morus alba 'Tortuosa'</i>

Grows to small or medium-size tree, very large shrub with somewhat irregular crown to approx. 8 m tall and wide. The most eye-catching feature is created by the strongly curved and curled branches on which the leaves are attached in zigzag pattern. The leaves are strikingly large, 15 cm to 22 cm, broad ovate to heart-shaped and glossy green. The margins are not lobed or dissected, have a pointed tip and are hairy on both sides. The leaf turns yellow before falling in autumn. 'Spirata' has exclusively female flowers, but fruits have never been observed. Saplings can be sensitive to frost. Preferably plant in a sunny, warm and sheltered site. Favours calcareous soils and grows in infertile soil.