



Nothofagus obliqua



Height	approx. 30 m
Crown	oval, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	grey-brown bark, smooth, later flaking off in plates
Leaf	elongated ovoid, dark green, 3-7 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, red
Flowers	unremarkable, greenish-yellow, May
Fruits	unremarkable nutlets, approx. 1 cm long, 3 per cupule
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	all types, preferably not too dry
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	8 (-12,2 to -6,7 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Application	parks, cemeteries, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
Origin	Chile

The short and somewhat overhanging branches give this tree an ascending oval crown. From being a shrub it often grows to become a tree, usually multi-trunked. It is a fast grower in its home country (Chile) and is an important producer of timber. The reddish-coloured wood resembles oak and is frequently used for furniture. The greyish-brown bark on old trunks remains smooth for a long time but eventually flakes off in long irregular plates. The bare, dark brown twigs have elongated ovoid and glossy leaves with a blue-green underside. They have a serrated leaf edge and turn to red and yellow in the autumn. The tree has a deeply penetrating tap root with many branches. *Nothofagus obliqua* really loves heat and requires a sheltered site to protect it from cold winters. Despite the risk of frost damage, the tree always emerges vigorously every year.