



Poncirus trifoliata



Height	2.5 - 6 m
Crown	round, light, open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs dark green with sharp thorns, old bark brownish green, rough
Leaf	three-part, leaf segments obovate to elliptical, green 2.5 - 6 cm
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	single, white, 3 - 5 cm, April/June, fragrant flowers
Fruits	orange-like, round, matt orange-yellow, 3 - 5 cm
Spines/thorns	Yes
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	heavy, nutrient-rich, well-drained soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7 (-17,7 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	multi-stem treem
Origin	Northern China, Korea

Striking, large shrub to small tree with a round crown. The green twigs and branches are a great ornamental value and an immediately significant feature. They are slightly flat-topped and occupied by substantial, equally green thorns. The three-part leaves, which give the species its name, consist of obovate to elliptical leaf segments. In autumn they turn yellow before falling. From April until into early summer the single flowers appear. They start off bowl-shaped but flatten out completely when they bloom. The flowers have a pleasant fragrance. Another less lavish blossom usually follows in August and September. The fruits are reminiscent of small oranges. They stay greenish-yellow for a long time, eventually turning orange-yellow. They have soft hair and are not edible. Despite its somewhat tropical appearance, Poncirus is quite hardy. The tree requires a sheltered site because it does not tolerate a cold, drying wind very well. Preferably suits a somewhat heavier soil or sunny place in a park or garden.