



## Toona sinensis



<b>Height</b>	15 - 20 m
<b>Crown</b>	flattened spherical to broad oval, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	brownish grey bark with lengthwise splits, twigs have fine hairs
<b>Leaf</b>	imparipinnate, 40 - 75 cm long, glossy dark green, feathered leaf
<b>Flowers</b>	white, in pendulous plumes to 50 cm long, June/July
<b>Fruits</b>	woody capsule with 5 splits containing winged seeds, Ø 2 - 3 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	good, nutrient-rich soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardness zone</b>	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	fairly
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	parks, cemeteries, large gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
<b>Origin</b>	China
<b>Synonyms</b>	Cedrela sinensis

Unique, lovely park tree that bears some resemblance to *Ailanthus altissima*. Grows vertically at first but later becomes broader. The smooth, brownish grey bark becomes grooved later. The twigs are a coppery green and have soft hair. When damaged, the bark and leaves give off an unpleasant odour. The imparipinnate leaves are 40 – 75 cm long and consist of 20 – 26 leaf segments. These are elongated, 8 - 13 cm in size, bare and glossy, dark green on top. The leaves are light green and hairy along the veins on the underside. Small, unpleasant-smelling white flowers appear in pendulous plumes up to 50 cm long. After flowering, a woody capsule with winged seeds develops. *Toona sinensis* only flowers during hot summers. 'Flamingo' is a lovely cultivar with leaves that are pink when they emerge. *Toona sinensis* has a brownish-grey bark that flakes off when the tree is older. The flaking platelets bend somewhat outwards. Bark and leaf give off an unpleasant smell when damaged.