



Zelkova carpinifolia

'Verschaffeltii'



Height	6 - 12 m
Crown	broad vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs brown, slightly hairy, bark grey-brown
Leaf	Slightly crooked ovate to elliptical, dark green, 3 - 6 cm
Flowers	inconspicuous, unisexual, monoecious, green, April/May
Fruits	crooked round, approx. 0.5 cm, green, later brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	humic, moist and loamy
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	parks, tree containers, cemeteries, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Caucasus, 1886
Synonyms	Zelkova verschaffeltii

Medium-size tree that at first sight resembles *Z. carpinifolia*, but is significantly smaller. The wide vase-shaped crown grows to 6 - 12 m height and spread. The branching is less ascending but naturally starts quite low. The young twigs are quite thin, brown and slightly hairy. The mature bark is grey rarely exfoliates in small plates. The slightly crooked, ovate to elliptical leaf is dark green and has the same hair as *Z. carpinifolia*. The leaf margin, however is significantly more deeply serrated. The blossom, fruits and autumn colour are as the species. A medium-size park tree with a graceful crown shape that was originally described as a separate species but is now assumed to be a selection of *Z. carpinifolia*. Material gathered from the wild has never been kept which means this is not likely to be a wild species.