



Zelkova serrata 'Village Green'



Height	10 - 12 m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	grey, slightly flaking trunk with orange-brown bast
Leaf	ovoid to elongated, top tapered, soft green, 7 - 13 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, orange, red
Flowers	unremarkable, unisexual, monoecious, green, April/May
Fruits	small bean-like fruit, 0.4 – 0.5 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	humus, moist, loamy
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	avenues and broad streets, parks, squares, tree containers, cemeteries, large gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Princeton Nurseries, Allentown, New Jersey, USA, before 1964

American selection that grows more quickly at first than the species does, but later growth slows down. The crown of 'Village Green' remains lower and narrower than that of the species, approx. 10 - 12 m, with a width of 5 - 6 m. The grey bark is smooth at first, with pink to brownish orange lenticels, flaking off later to reveal the orange-brown bast underneath. The ovoid to elongated leaves are soft green and turn a bronzy red and orange-yellow in the autumn. The leaves are lighter green on the underside. The top is long and tapers to a point and the leaf edge has single teeth tapering to a point. 'Village Green' is unsusceptible to Dutch elm's disease. Due to its slower growth and narrower crown, this cultivar is better suited than the species for streets and avenues.