



Betula albosinensis



Height	6 - 10 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	wide pyramidal, loose, half-open crown
Bark and branches	orange brown, flaking bark, red-brown twigs
Leaf	ovate, acute-pointed, dark green, 6 - 8 cm
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	catkins, light yellow, ♀ appearing with leaf, ♂ 8 - 13 cm, April
Fruits	fruit catkins, 3.5 - 4.5 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few requirements
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	West China
Synonyms	Betula albosinensis var. septentrionalis

Birch with small leaves from the mountains in West China found at heights of up to 4 km. In spite of the slow growth specimen of over 10 m can be found there. The wide pyramidal crown has many thin, soft, weeping twigs with a red brown colour, width circa 6 m. The bark has an orange to orange brown colour and already flakes at an early age. The dark green leaf is bare on the topside, the underside is glandular haired. It is ovoid and acuminate. The leaf margin is double-toothed. Betula albosinensis opens early in spring and the leaf turns golden yellow in autumn. The green yellow flowers appear in pendulous catkins in April. B. albosinensis roots shallow with a fine branching root system and has many fibrous rootlets.