**Euptelea pleiosperma**

Small to medium size, usually multi-stemmed tree with a vase-shaped crown. The chestnut brown young twigs bear attractively shaped, broad ovate leaves with double serrated margins and a long, tapering tip. Young leaves greenish brown to bronze, mature leaf dark green. The autumn colour can be dark purplish red. Blossoming comes before the leaf development. The flowers have no petals or sepals, consisting only of clusters of red stamens and light green pistils. The light red fruits are winged all round. Each fruit, containing one to three seeds, is about 1.3 cm in size and hangs on a stalk 2 - 5 cm long. Grows on any soil except limy, if sufficiently fertile. The soil must be sufficiently moist but well-drained. By preference, plant in a fairly sheltered position.