



Robinia pseudoacacia

'Bessoniana'



Height	15 - 20 m
Width	10-15m
Crown	broad oval to broad ovoid, half-open crown
Bark and branches	twigs olive green to brown, almost thornless, bark grey-brown, deeply grooved
Leaf	odd-pinnate, 20 - 30 cm, 9 - 19 leaf segments, 1.5 - 4.5 cm, green, feathered leaf
Flowers	rare blossoms, in pendent racemes to 10 cm, cream white, about 2 cm, fragrant, June , fragrant flowers
Fruits	seldom present, flat leathery pod, reddish brown, 5 - 10 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	few requirements as long as well drained
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), resistant to de-icing salt
Application	avenues and broad streets, industrial areas
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Baumschule Laurentius, Leipzig, Germany, 1859

A decorative selection with a straight trunk and a broad, oval crown later becoming broad ovoid. The crown is significantly more closed in structure than that of the species. Height 15 - 20 m. The greyish brown bark is deeply grooved and the twigs have practically no thorns. The leaves are the same as those of the species. 'Bessoniana' blooms only rarely and the flowers are in more compact clusters than those of the species. The tree has a superficial root system and is somewhat sensitive to wind, but is less susceptible to branch breakage than the other cultivars are. Thanks to its irregular crown shape, 'Bessoniana' is a good street and avenue tree. Winter hardiness zone: 5a