



Toona sinensis



Height	15 - 20 m
Width	7-10m
Crown	flattened spherical to broad oval, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brownish grey bark with lengthwise splits, twigs have fine hairs
Leaf	imparipinnate, 40 - 75 cm long, glossy dark green, feathered leaf
Flowers	white, in pendulous plumes to 50 cm long, June/July
Fruits	woody capsule with 5 splits containing winged seeds, Ø 2 - 3 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	good, nutrient-rich soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
Origin	China
Synonyms	Cedrela sinensis

Unique, lovely park tree that bears some resemblance to Ailanthus altissima. Grows vertically at first but later becomes broader. The smooth, brownish grey bark becomes grooved later. The twigs are a coppery green and have soft hair. When damaged, the bark and leaves give off an unpleasant odour. The imparipinnate leaves are 40 – 75 cm long and consist of 20 – 26 leaf segments. These are elongated, 8 - 13 cm in size, bare and glossy, dark green on top. The leaves are light green and hairy along the veins on the underside. Small, unpleasant-smelling white flowers appear in pendulous plumes up to 50 cm long. After flowering, a woody capsule with winged seeds develops. Toona sinensis only flowers during hot summers. 'Flamingo' is a lovely cultivar with leaves that are pink when they emerge. Toona sinensis has a brownish-grey bark that flakes off when the tree is older. The flaking platelets bend somewhat outwards. Bark and leaf give off an unpleasant smell when damaged.