



Trochodendron aralioides



Height	10-15 m
Crown	broad pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	glossy dark green, evergreen
Flowers	green-yellow, flowers in May-June
Fruits	brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7b (-14,9 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Fauna tree	valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens

Trochodendron aralioides is a medium to large tree that grows 10-15 m tall. In the wild, the tree can grow more than 20 m tall. Due to its low branching, the tree always retains the appearance of a shrub. The evergreen leaves are gracefully narrow ovate-shaped and shiny dark green. They give the tree a healthy appearance. In late spring, flowers appear in substantial terminal panicles. The individual flowers have a typical but unmistakable appearance. They do not possess crown and sepals, but the stamens are arranged in a wreath around the centre with the styles and stigmas. This makes the individual flowers resemble little wheels, to which the English and German names refer. The flowers are greenish-yellow and form a nice unity with the foliage. They can be followed by inconspicuous brown fruits.

Trochodendron is a monotypic genus; so there is only one species, T. aralioides. The tree is unique in appearance. Originating from shaded forests and mountain slopes, T. aralioides grows best on nutritious, moist but well-drained, slightly acidic to acidic soil. The best position is in semi-shade or light shade. In a too sunny location or if soil conditions are not good, the leaves will turn a lighter green and growth will lag behind.