The 'Sapporo Autumn Gold' cultivar forms an ascending tree with a vase-shaped crown. The trunk starts out smooth and silver-grey but later turns dark blackish-grey and develops grooves. The leaves are 3 to 8 cm long and oval. In the spring they emerge somewhat reddish and in the summer are glossy dark green. The leaves turn golden-yellow in the autumn somewhat depending on the site and temperature. The flowers appear before the leaves. They grow in dense bundles. 'Sapporo Autumn Gold' is practically resistant to Dutch elm disease and is much used for landscape settings.