



Ziziphus jujuba



Height	8 - 10 m
Width	6-8m
Crown	round, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs zigzag, thorny, bark dark grey-brown
Leaf	elliptical to oval-elongated, with three main veins, glossy green, 2- 7 cm
Flowers	in axillar ♂ pairs or clusters of 3, yellow, April/May
Fruits	fleshy drupe, oval-elongated, 1.5 - 2.5 cm, dark red to black-brown, edible, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	Yes
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any well-drained soils, lightly acidic to limy, tolerates drought
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	8 (-12,2 to -6,7 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	tree containers, roof gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	South-Eastern Europe to South and East Asia
Synonyms	Zizuphus zizyphus

Small to medium-size deciduous tree with a round, half-open crown growing to approx. 10 m. The young twigs are distinctly zigzag and with one or two thorns at the base of each leaf. If there is just one thorn it is straight and 3 cm long, a second thorn is bent and distinctly shorter. The flower shoots are not thorny. The mature bark is dark grey-brown and smooth. The elliptical to oval-elongated leaf is glossy dark green and has three distinct main veins. It is positioned in two rows along the zigzag twigs. It feels leathery and has a finely crenated margin. The yellow flowers open in pairs or in clusters of three in April and May. They are followed by fleshy drupes that vary in colour from red to black-brown. The fruit is edible and has been eaten in China since long before the Christian era. The limited winter hardiness means this tree is only suitable for mild climatic zones and in sheltered sites such as patios, atriums and courtyards.