



Ginkgo biloba 'Mariken'



Height	max 3 m
Width	1-1,5m
Crown	round/spherical, light, open crown, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs light brown, bark grey-brown
Leaf	fan-shaped, in bundles of 3-5, about 10 cm long and wide, dark green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	inconspicuous, April/May
Fruits	unknown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	all
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem, clearstem conifer, specimen conifer

Ginkgo biloba 'Mariken' is notable for its regular, flattened spherical crown and compact habit. Because of its crown shape, this cultivar needs to be grafted onto a (high) trunk. The final height therefore depends on the graft height. Later in life, the branches start to droop slightly. The young twigs are quite thick, which enhances the compact look of 'Mariken'. The leaves are relatively large and have the same fan shape characteristic of Ginkgo. In autumn, the green leaves turn yellow. Fine cultivar for more small-scale use in gardens and squares or in avenues of shopping centres, city squares, etc. 'Mariken' was found in the Kronenburgpark in Nijmegen as a witches' broom by P. Theunissen from Beesel. P. Vergeldt from Lottum subsequently named and introduced the plant. The cultivar was named after Mariken van Nieumeghen (Nijmegen), protagonist in a 16th century miracle play set (partly) in Nijmegen.