



Diospyros kaki



Height	6 - 10 m
Width	4-8m
Crown	broad ovoid to round or fan-shaped, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	brown-grey, grooved
Leaf	oval to elliptical, glossy dark green, 6 - 18 cm
Flowers	bell-shaped, pale yellow, unisexual, about 1.5 cm, June
Fruits	berry-shaped, orange, 3 - 7 cm, edible, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile, well-drained loamy soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	8b (-9,4,5 to -6,7 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Fauna tree	can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree, halfstem fruit tree
Origin	China, Japan

Medium-size tree with an almost round to fan-shaped crown. The older bark is brownish grey and deeply grooved. The leaves are glossy dark green and can grow to over 15 cm, depending on the position and (micro)climate. Sometimes produces rather brownish yellow autumn colours, but these are hardly decorative. Because of their colour and the fact they are hidden between the leaves, the pale yellow, bell-shaped flowers are not very conspicuous. Female flowers produce large, edible berries called kaki or sharon fruit. These are orange and have four conspicuously triangular sepals on top. The fruits taste rather insipid and can be eaten on their own or in dishes. Thrives in fertile, well-drained soil, preferably loamy. Tolerates wind well, except cold, dry wind.