



Lindera benzoin



Height	3-5 m
Width	3-5m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	twigs green to olive-green-brown, bark brown-grey, slightly grooved
Leaf	elliptical to obovate, 7-12 cm long, bright green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	unisexual, green-yellow, in dense axillary bundles, March-April
Fruits	berry-shaped drupe, 1-1.8 cm long, red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree

Lindera benzoin is a large shrub with a round crown formed by dense branching with thin twigs and branches. The annual twigs are greenish, while the old, slightly furrowed bark is brownish-grey. The rather narrow leaves are bright green and turn an intense golden yellow in autumn. Both twigs and leaves are highly aromatic when damaged. The flowers open before the leaves emerge. This makes a flowering Lindera benzoin somewhat similar to Cornus mas, which, incidentally, is much coarser and flowers more yellowish. L. benzoin has unisexual flowers, which appear on separate male and female plants. As a result, the fruits are often not visible. Firstly, they are hidden under the leaves; secondly, female flowers must also be pollinated by male ones. It is a plant that grows naturally in moist, woody areas along forest edges. Any soil will do, as long as it is moist enough, but well-drained. Can grow in both full sun and light shade.