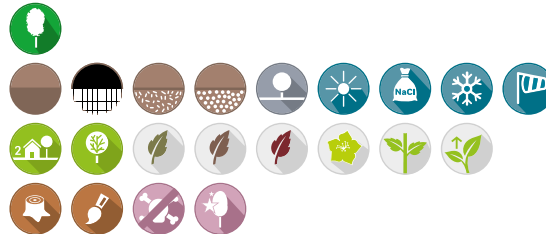




Platanus orientalis 'Mirkovec'



Height	6 - 10 m
Width	3-7m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	bark grey, scaling off in thin layers
Leaf	palmately lobed, bronze-purple, approx. 20 cm
Autumn colour	red
Flowers	spherical heads, yellow-green, May
Fruits	spherical, spiky, brown, usually in pairs
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	all, soil not too limy
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Arboretum Kalmthout, Belgium, ca. 1965
Synonyms	Platanus x hispanica 'Mirkovec'

Was selected in around 1965 by Robert de Belder in the nursery of the same name in former Yugoslavia. Grows more slowly than the species and has somewhat tangled growth. Eventually the tree will remain significantly smaller than the species, with an irregular round crown. The palmately lobed leaves are around 20 cm with relatively narrow lobes. On emerging the leaves are bright green turning bronze-purple with darker veins during the season. In autumn the leaves turn deep burgundy. Although plane trees tolerate paving well, 'Mirkovec' is less suitable as a street tree because of its broad and irregular crown. Takes pruning very well, even in old wood. 'Mirkovec' shows good wind tolerance.