



## Quercus pontica



<b>Height</b>	4 - 6 m
<b>Width</b>	4-6m
<b>Crown</b>	round, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	brownish-grey, grooved, twigs yellowish-green
<b>Leaf</b>	obovate to oval, roughly lobed, green, 15 - 20 cm
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	gold coloured slim catkins, 15 - 20 cm long, May
<b>Fruits</b>	elongated ovoid acorn, 2 - 3.5 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	fertile, moist and loamy
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for wet soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), resistant to de-icing salt
<b>Application</b>	tree containers, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Caucasus, Turkey

Occurs on moist hillsides in Turkey and the Caucasus and grows into a large shrub or multi-trunked tree. Often grown in the cultivated state as a small single-trunked tree. The bark on old trunks and lateral branches fissures irregularly and causes loose bark plates to detach. The large angular winter buds are a very remarkable feature. The large leathery leaves are obovate to oval, with regular serrations and are green with a bluish-green underside. They are 15 - 20 cm long and 6 - 10 cm wide. The flowers, pendulous catkins, are remarkable. The elongated ovoid acorns are approx. 2 - 3.5 cm long and one-third to one-quarter enclosed in the cupule, the latter being covered with contiguous felt-like scales. Quercus pontica is a decorative tree for parks and small gardens. Prefers a warm and sunny site.