



Staphylea colchica



Height	3-4 m
Width	2-4m
Crown	oval, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	cream white, flowers in May, fragrant flowers
Fruits	yellow-brown, bloated
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	tree containers, small gardens
Shape	multi-stem treem

Staphylea colchica is a large, multi-stemmed shrub reaching about 4 meters in height. The shrub grows distinctly upright and is quite narrow when young. Later, it becomes wider and forms a vase-shaped crown. The green branches are noticeably reddish-tinted on the sun-exposed side. The leaf buds are always angled upwards. The uneven pinnate leaves always consist of 5 leaflets. However, on flower shoots, the leaves are trifoliate. The topside of the leaves is bright green, while the underside is glossy pale green. Around mid-May, drooping plumes with white flowers appear. Because the calyces are yellow-green, the flowers have a slightly greenish-white color impression. The flowers are followed by the characteristic inflated, hanging fruits typical of every Staphylea. In *S. colchica*, they are 2- to 3-chambered and 5-8 cm long. Staphylea colchica is a robust shrub that thrives in any nutritious, sufficiently moist, but well-drained soil. It is a typical warmth-lover that should ideally be planted in a sunny location.