



# Carpinus japonica 'Chinese Lantern'



Height	8-10 m
Width	6-8m
Bark and branches	grey, slightly grooved and scaley
Leaf	narrow ovoid to oval, bright green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	yellow brown, April/May
Fruits	big catkins
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few soil requirements, preference for loamy ground
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil, suitable for wet soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	7a (-17,7 to -15,0 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	roof gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Royal Nurseries Alphons van der Bom, Oudenbosch

'Chinese Lantern' is a densely branched small tree with a round crown to about 8-10 m in height. Although the tree grows somewhat erratically, it still has a distinctly rounder crown than the species *C. japonica*. The leaves are narrowly ovate to oval, about 8-10 cm long and distinctly veined. They are dark green and give the tree a vital appearance. The flowering is not very conspicuous, the fruit catkins all the more so. These are relatively broad and, with some imagination, resemble Chinese lanterns. An additional advantage is that as a tree, 'Chinese Lantern' produces many fruiting catkins at a young age.

Has few soil requirements but grows best in a nutritious loamy soil. Was marketed in 1981 by Koninklijke Kwekerijen Alphons van der Bom, Oudenbosch. Hardiness zone 7a