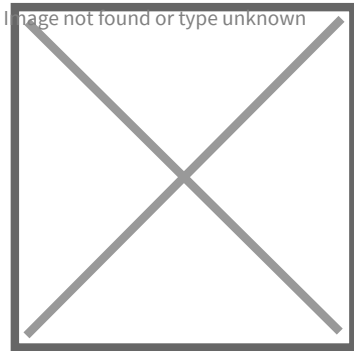




## Staphylea pinnata



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| <b>Height</b>                | 2-5 m                                                                 |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 2-4m                                                                  |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | oval, later vase-shaped, half open crown                              |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | brown                                                                 |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | green                                                                 |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | creamy white to greenish white, flowers in May-June, fragrant flowers |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | yellow brown                                                          |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | None                                                                  |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock               |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil                  |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving                                                   |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)                                                |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | fairly                                                                |
| <b>Other resistances</b>     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)                                         |
| <b>Fauna tree</b>            | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies               |
| <b>Application</b>           | tree containers, small gardens                                        |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | multi-stem treem                                                      |
| <b>Origin</b>                | Central and Southern Europe, Asia Minor                               |

Staphylea pinnata is a large shrub to small, multi-stemmed tree up to about 5 m high. The tree grows distinctly upright and is quite narrow at a young age. Later, it widens and will develop a vase-shaped crown. The branches are uniform olive green and the leaf buds are always pointed straight up, parallel to the twigs. The odd-pinnate leaves usually consist of five leaflets, sometimes three and rarely seven. The upper side of the leaves is bright green, the underside is blue-green. Around late May and early June, the flowers open in erect panicles. The individual flowers are white with a green base and they are sometimes slightly reddened. The colour impression is greenish-white to cream. The flowers are followed by the typically inflated fruits that are characteristic of any Staphylea. In S. pinnata, they are 2- to 3-lobed and 3 cm long and wide. Staphylea pinnata is a strong small tree that will grow well on any nutritious, sufficiently moist but permeable soil. It is a typical warm-temperate tree that should preferably be planted in a sunny location.