**Fabaceae**  Sophora  

**Styphnolobium japonicum**  
‘Regent’  

Sophora japonica 'Regent'  

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**Height**  
10 - 12 m, fast growing  

**Crown**  
broad oval, half-open crown  

**Bark and branches**  
greysish brown, grooved, branches green with light lenticels  

**Leaf**  
compound, 7 - 17 leaf segments, dark green, approx. 25 cm, feathered leaf  

**Sprout**  
late sprout  

**Flowers**  
creamy-white in plumes, July/September (October)  

**Fruits**  
grey pod, waisted, approx. 8 cm long  

**Spines/thorns**  
none  

**Toxicity**  
toxic components  

**Soil type**  
any/corr. all apart from wet, peaty soil  

**Soil moisture**  
suitable for dry soil  

**Paving**  
tolerates paving  

**Winter hardiness**  
6a (-23.3 to -20.6 °C)  

**Wind resistance**  
moderate  

**Wind / frost / salt**  
resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), resistant to de-icing salt  

**Light requirement**  
light-loving  

**Fauna tree**  
valuable for bees (honey plant), valuable for butterflies  

**Tree for the future**  
yes  

**Application**  
avenues and broad streets, parks, squares, tree containers, theme parks, cemeteries, roof gardens, industrial areas, large gardens, small gardens  

**Type/shape**  
clearstem tree, multi-stem tree, specimen tree  

**Origin**  
Princeton Nurseries, New Jersey, USA, 1964  

**Synonyms**  
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Good American selection with a remarkably straight trunk. Grows faster than the species does, particularly when young. The crown has a broad oval shape, up to approx. 5 m wide. The twigs and branches are remarkably green and bear many light-coloured lenticels. When broken they give off an unpleasant odour. The compound leaves are imparipinnate and approx. 25 cm long; the leaf segments are each 2 - 6 cm long and ovoid to elliptical. They are somewhat larger than those of the species and feel harder. The creamy white to creamy yellow flowers are approx. 1.5 cm in size and grow on terminal plumes that can grow to about 30 cm long. 'Regent' is a good plant for bees and blooms at an early age, often even after 6 to 8 years. Is not very prone to diseases or problems. Sophora tolerates dry conditions well.