

# *Acer campestre* 'Huibers Elegant'

## Huibers Elegant field maple



*Acer campestre* 'Huibers Elegant' ('Huibers Elegant' field Maple) is a selection marketed in 1992 by Gelderse Boomhandel BV in Opheusden, the Netherlands. The cultivar was named after Huibers, the director and owner. It is a tree about 10 metres high and about 6 metres wide, with initially a narrow egg-shaped and later a wide egg-shaped crown. This makes 'Huibers Elegant' a perfect street tree for a narrower profile.

In April, the 'Huibers Elegant' field maple blooms yellow-green corymbs, with a nectar and pollen value of 5. During that time, bees, butterflies and other insects are strongly drawn to the tree. The palmate, lobate leaves bud dark green and turn a lovely golden yellow in autumn. The bark is grey-brown and forms slight furrows at an older age.

*Acer campestre* 'Huibers Elegant' is perfect for use in both urban and landscape planting. In contrast to many other cultivars of *Acer campestre*, 'Huibers Elegant' does quite well in sealed pavement. It is a tough species that can handle strong (coastal) winds, heat, drought, air pollution and salt spray. With 5A winterhardiness, the cultivar is furthermore perfect for climate planting. *Acer campestre* 'Huibers Elegant' has few requirements of its soil and environment.

### TYPES OF PLANTING

**Tree types:** standard trees, feathered trees, climate trees | **Topiary on stem:** roof-trained, espalier, pleached

### USE

**Location:** street, avenue, square, park, central reservation, in containers, roof garden, large garden, small garden, patio, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones, countryside, coastal area | **Pavement:** none, open, sealed | **Planting concepts:** Climate planting, Eco planting, Solid planting, shade-tolerant, Prairie planting

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** egg-shaped | **Crown structure:** dense | **Height:** 6 - 10 m | **Width:** 3 - 4 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 5A - 8B

### ASPECTS

**Wind:** tolerant to wind, tolerant to coastal wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, peaty, heavy clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil, all soils | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** dry, moist, wet | **Light requirements:** sun, partial shade, shade | **pH range:** acidic, neutral, alkaline (5.6 - 7.8) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, nectar value 5, pollen value 5 | **Extreme environments:** tolerant to salt spray, tolerant to dryness, tolerates air pollution, tolerates heat

### PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** corymbose, discrete | **Flower colour:** yellow-green | **Flowering period:** April - May | **Leaf colour:** green, dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, palmate, laciniate, lobate | **Autumn colour:** yellow, golden yellow | **Fruit colour:** brown, brown-green | **Bark colour:** grey | **Bark:** smooth, corky | **Twig colour:** red-brown, green | **Twigs:** bare | **Root system:** deep, shallow, highly branched, many hair roots, central root

