# *Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green' 'Village Green' Japanese Zelkova



Zelkova serrata 'Village Green' (Japanese zelkova 'Village Green') is the most well-known cultivar of Zelkova serrata, and until the introduction of 'Flekova' it was also the most popular. Zelkova serrata 'Village Green' was selected in Korea but named and introduced in 1960 by Princeton Nurseries of New Jersey, USA. The selection has a densely branched crown with an upright main trunk and thanks to the wide vase-shaped crown structure, the tree cast a fairly deep shadow. 'Village Green' grows approximately twelve metres tall and just as wide.

The egg-shaped, coarse, toothed leaf of *Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green' emerges bright green, becomes a lovely dark green in summer and in the autumn this tree puts on a particularly attractive display of autumn colours in a wonderful array of yellow-orange, orange-red and bronze red tints. It produces unremarkable small, green flowers in April. After flowering brown drupes appear on the tree. *Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green' has a smooth, grey bark which peels in maturity, revealing the beautiful yellow-orange under bark.

As with all Zelkovas, cultivar 'Village Green' also makes a magnificent tree for parks, gardens and road verges where it requires a nutrient-rich and moist sandy soil for optimum growth. Generally speaking, Zelkovas are easy to grow though and can be used on a range of different soils. Owing to its more modest size compared with that of the species and the uniformity of the crown shape, it makes a good and also fast-growing tree particularly suited for streets and avenues, squares and parking areas. *Zelkova serrata* 'Village Green' is highly resistant to Dutch elm disease.

### TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees, multi-stemmed trees | Topiary on stem: multi-stem umbrella

## USE

Location: street, avenue, square, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, in containers, roof garden, large garden, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones, coastal area | Pavement: none, open, sealed

### CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: vase-shaped, wide vase-shaped | Crown structure: semi-open | Height: 10 - 12 m | Width: 10 - 12 m | Winter hardiness zone: 5A - 8B

#### ASPECTS

Wind: tolerant to wind, tolerant to coastal wind | Soil: loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | Nutrient level: moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | Soil moisture level: dry, moist | Light requirements: sun, partial shade | pH range: acidic, neutral, alkaline | Extreme environments: tolerates air pollution

### PLANTKENMERKEN

Flowers: heads, discrete, small | Flower colour: green | Flowering period: April - April | Leaf colour: dark green, buds bright green | Leaves: deciduous, ovate, rough, serrate | Autumn colour: yellow-orange, orange-red, bronze-red | Fruits: discrete, drupe | Fruit colour: brown | Bark colour: yellow-orange, grey | Bark: peeling, smooth | Twig colour: red-brown | Twigs: with lenticels, vertical branches, finely branched, long shoots | Root system: deep, extensive, tap root

