



## Acer platanoides 'Faassen's Black'



<b>Height</b>	12 - 15 (20) m
<b>Crown</b>	wide conical, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	bark dark grey, branches light brown
<b>Leaf</b>	5/7-lobed, dark red brown, circa 16 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	yellow green, in corymbs, April, before the leaves appear
<b>Fruits</b>	winged nutlets (samara), 3.5 - 4.5 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	has toxic components
<b>Soil type</b>	any soil, except peat
<b>Soil moisture</b>	withstand short flood
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	4 (-34,4 to -28,9 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	not very sensitive, not resistant to sea wind
<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>	avenues and broad streets, industrial areas
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Faassen-Hekkens, Tegelen (NL), 1946

Medium-sized tree that can reach a height of 15 - 20 m. The crown is dense and irregular, wide conical. A mature tree can have a crown width of circa 8 m. The unfurling leaf is light red, in summer it turns deep red-brown. 'Faassen's Black' strongly resembles 'Crimson King', but the leaf of 'Faassen's Black' is darker and duller. The tree was selected from the same sowing as 'Crimson King'. The green-yellow flowers appear just before the leaf unfurls. This makes the tree a real harbinger of spring. The unfolding, red leaf makes a bold contrast with the yellow flowers. 'Faassen's Black' grows in any soil, but does not tolerate stagnating groundwater and peaty soil. The tree is good wind resistant. The cultivar A. p. 'Royal Red' is less sensitive to mildew.