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# Ginkgo, Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgoaceae)



## biloba (Salisburia adiantifolia)

Dioecious, deciduous conifer with a crown that develops unevenly, rather narrow. Grey, corky bark becoming deeply furrowed in adult plants. Unusual and very decorative, fan- shaped leaves, pale green in spring, darker green to greyish in summer and in autumn they turn a wonderful pure yellow without any trace of orange or brown. When the leaves fall in autumn they form an amazing yellow carpet at the foot of the tree. Insignificant flowers followed, only on the female plants, by fleshy fruit which gives off an unpleasant smell when ripe. The flowering

and fructification starts when the tree is adult, even at forty years. Very hardy, grows well in all types of soil but is more luxuriant and regular if grown in deep substratum from acid to alkaline. Tolerates calcareous soil, withstands pollution.

### biloba "Fastigiata Blagon"®

Male cultivar, therefore, non-fruit bearing. Extremely upright habit, with trunk growing wonderfully straight, closely covered with short, slightly upward-turning branches. Later on, it spreads out, into a tall cone. Leaves: as for Ginkgo biloba.



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#### biloba "Mariken"

Variety propagated by top-grafting on a Ginkgo biloba trunk. Branches spread out horizontally from grafting point at 45° angle, to make an almost-flat umbrella shape, without drooping branches. The leaves are the same as the type.

#### biloba "Pendula"

A variety which is propagated by grafting at the top of the trunk of Ginkgo biloba. From the point of the grafting the branches at first spread out horizontally and then they become clearly pendulous giving the plant a very wide, weeping habit. The leaves are the same as the type but are not so yellow in autumn. Ideal for small gardens.

