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Platanus ×hispanica 'Malburg'



A tree selected by the NAKB (now known as Naktuinbouw) from a 40-year-old avenue. It is distinguished from the species by its relatively small oval growth pattern. It is characterised by the bark that flakes off to reveal a light green to yellow-green underground and grey-green, dark green to brown loose flakes. The broad leaf has 3 - 5 sharply serrated lobes and is slightly hairy on the underside. In the autumn the leaves turn colour to a brownish yellow. Fallen leaves do not rot easily. The spherical flowers hang in pairs (1 - 3) on long stems, where spiky fruit appears later. These remain hanging on the tree until deep into the winter. Plane trees are very resistant to hard surfaces but surface roots can push the surrounding paving upwards. Takes pruning very well, even in old wood. Saplings require a tree stake for support. Young branches break relatively easily.