

Gleditsia triacanthos 'Speczam'

Speczam Honey locust



Gleditsia triacanthos 'Speczam' ('Speczam' honey locust) is a selection of *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Sunburst' and was patented by Lake County Nursery, Ohio, USA. This thornless cultivar has a more upright form than 'Sunburst', with a narrower growth habit. 'Speczam' can grow to be 10 metres tall, with a width of 6 to 7 metres. The crown is open and egg-shaped.

In June, this honey locust blossoms with small, discrete but highly fragrant racemes of flowers. The yellow, oval-shaped emerging leaves are unipinnate or bipinnate. *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Speczam' keeps its yellow-green leaves and twigs throughout the whole summer. This is in contrast to 'Sunburst', which turns greener after the burst of yellow in the spring. In the autumn, the leaves of the 'Speczam' turn a beautiful golden yellow. The bark is slightly grooved and is grey in colour. The cultivar does not bear fruit.

Drought, air pollution, road salt and short wet periods are all tolerated well by *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Speczam'. The selection is versatile and can be used in streets, avenues, on squares, at car parks and in parks. But the honey locust 'Speczam' also thrives well on central reservations, in large and small gardens and at cemeteries. It is a fantastic tree for bees and butterflies with a high nectar and pollen score. Plant this *Gleditsia* in dry, damp or wet soil, with a neutral to acidic pH value. A position in the sun is preferable.

SEASONAL COLOURS



TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees

USE

Location: street, avenue, square, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, large garden, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones, bioswale | **Pavement:** none, open, sealed | **Planting concepts:** Eco planting, Prairie planting

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: egg-shaped | **Crown structure:** open | **Height:** 6 - 12 m | **Width:** 6 - 7 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 5A - 8B

ASPECTS

Wind: tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** dry, moist, wet | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic, neutral, alkaline | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, nectar value 5, pollen value 5 | **Extreme environments:** tolerant to salt spray, tolerant to dryness, tolerates air pollution, tolerant to short-term flooding

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Flowers: raceme, discrete, small, scented | **Flower colour:** yellow-green | **Flowering period:** June - July | **Leaf colour:** yellow, buds yellow, yellow-green | **Leaves:** deciduous, ovoid, crenate, dentate, pinnate, bipinnate, composite, Nitrogen fixing | **Autumn colour:** golden yellow | **Fruits:** no fruit | **Bark colour:** grey | **Bark:** slightly furrowed | **Twig colour:** yellow-green | **Twigs:** thornless, bare, zigzagging, vertical branches | **Root system:** deep, shallow, highly branched