



Paulownia fortunei FAST BLUE ('Minfast')



Výška	10-12 m
Šírka	10-12m
Koruna	narrow conical, half-open crown, capricious growing
Kôra a vetvy	brown, grey
Listy	green
Kvety	lila, violet, flowers in May
Plody	white, brown
Tárne	Žiadny
Jedovatosť	Zvyčajne nie je jedovaté pre ľudí a väčšie zvieratá
Typ pôdy	clay soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil
Spevnené plochy	Netoleruje spevnené plochy
Zóna odolnosti	6b (-20,5 do -17,8 °C)
Odolnosť voči vetru	moderate to poor
Ostatná odolnosť	Odolné mrazu (WH 1–6)
Stromy pre zvieratá a hmyz	Odolné mrazu (WH 1–6), Cenné pre včely (medonosné)
Použitie	bulváre a široké ulice
Tvar	Vysokokmeň

FAST BLUE is a medium-sized tree up to about 20 m tall. The crown is pyramidal, distinguishing the tree from all other Paulownia species. The grey-brown bark remains smooth for a long time and will only become shallowly grooved later in life. The oval leaves are up to 20 cm long and medium green in colour. Besides the good pyramidal crown shape, flowering is the main ornamental value. The flower panicles are formed before winter, but the flowers open in April. The flower panicles are about 35 cm long but can reach almost 50 cm. The flowers are lilaviolet, a fraction darker than in *P. tomentosa* and up to 10 cm in size. FAST BLUE flowers also open about two weeks earlier than in *P. tomentosa*. They are followed by egg-shaped box fruits that usually remain on the tree until after winter.

FAST BLUE grows in any soil, provided it is not too wet and is sufficiently permeable. The tree tolerates a lot of heat and sunlight. However, FAST BLUE is sensitive to wind and the flower buds can also freeze during prolonged periods of frost. A somewhat sheltered location is therefore recommended.