

SPECIES DESCRIPTION

# *Celtis australis*

(European Nettle Tree)



## Notes

Requires formative pruning program to develop good structure.

**Above:** Detail of foliage and fruit, detail of bark

<b>Origin</b>	Southern Europe North Africa, and Asia Minor:
<b>Habit</b>	Moderate to slow growing. Broad-domed, spreading branches. Typical height: 10-15 metres. Typical width: 6-12 metres.
<b>Description</b>	A medium deciduous tree with smooth grey bark. Alternating leaves are narrow and sharp-toothed on margins. Dark green and rough above, pubescent, grey-green below. Foliage turns yellow in autumn. Small, green flowers, either singly or in small clusters followed by a small, dark-purple berry-like drupe.
<b>Tolerances</b>	High drought tolerance.
<b>Site requirements:</b>	Adapts to most soils. Prefers light well-drained, sandy, and loamy soils, including those nutritionally poor; it can tolerate drought but not shade.