

Divergent Maple

Acer cappadocicum subsp. *divergens* (Pax) Murray

Distribution. Grows in Turkey and the Caucasus. Grows on dry mountain slopes, in the clumpes.

Morphology. Small tree up to 10 m high. Grey bark. Dark brownish shoots. Deep lobed leaf, 5, often 3 lobes per leaf. 4-6 cm long, 4-7 cm wide, glossy leaves. The upper surface of the leaf is dark green, but the lower part is lighter, with visible midribs. Wide or oblong triangular, pointed lobes, with entire, often wavy margins. Small, corymbose inflorescence. 2.5-3 cm long, about 1 cm wide samaras, wide angle or horizontally extended. Flat nutlet. Blooms in May. Fruits ripen in August.

Ecology. Winter-hardy cultivar. Tolerates drought. Grows well in sandy or loamy soils. Resistant to diseases and pests.

Importance. Decorative greenery plant.