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*Pterocarya fraxinifolia*

[Synonyms : *Juglans fraxinifolia*, *Juglans pterocarpa*, *Pterocarpus caucasica*, *Pterocarpus laevigata*, *Pterocarpus sorbifolia*, *Pterocarpus spachiana*, *Pterocarya caucasia*, *Pterocarya pterocarpa*, *Pterocarya sorbifolia*]

**CAUCASIAN WINGNUT** is a deciduous tree. Native from the Caucasus (the region between the Black and Caspian seas) to northern Iraq, it has green catkins with many stamens and leaves that turn pale yellow in Autumn.

It is also known as Caucasian walnut, *Kaukasisk vingnöt* (Swedish), *Lapina jasanolistá* (Czech), *Noyer du Caucase* (French), *Ptérocarier à feuilles de frêne* (French), and *Vingevalnød* (Danish).

The flowers are pollinated by the wind.

*Fraxinifolia* is made up of the genus name *Fraxinus* and Latin *-folia* (leaved) meaning ‘with leaves like those (ash) in that genus’.

The soft lightweight, pale brown wood has been used for making wooden shoes and matches.

This tree has been cultivated as an ornamental for its shade.

It is believed to have been introduced to North America in 1782.