

The White Stinkwood and their cousins, the Zelkovas and Elms are synonymous with the broom style in the same way as strawberries and cream with Wimbledon. Another style for which the White Stinkwood is very suitable is the group style or Yose-ue.



The following styles may also be used: the informal style, the twin trunk style, triple trunk and multiple trunk styles. The wind swept and root-over-rock style should however, never be used. Effects such as Jins, also do not suit White Stinkwoods.

Although the hollow trunk style may be used where a tree has a very thick trunk, care should be taken not to lose the elegance of the tree by utilising unnatural techniques.

As the White Stinkwood can be proportionally reduced, it is ideal as shohin bonsai.

It can also be used successfully in Saikai.

VI. ADVANTAGES OF THE WHITE STINKWOOD

1. As they are strong growers, a bonsai can be grown from seed in as little as five years.
2. The more the White Stinkwood is pruned, the better the ramification of the branches.
3. It is ideal for beginners, because it grows so quickly.
4. They are uncomplicated trees with which one can easily experiment.
5. If you have a matured White Stinkwood in your garden, you can be assured of enough bonsai material for the rest of your life.
6. The tree is reasonably pest free.
7. The tree can be pruned drastically. It can be wired and air layered.

VII. DISADVANTAGES

1. As the White Stinkwood grows so rapidly, a lot of attention should be given to its form.
2. As the tree tends to grow very strongly at its crown, the lower branches do not always develop as required.