



Amelanchier alnifolia 'Obelisk'



Height	3 - 5 m, slow growing
Crown	columnar, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	grey-brown, smooth
Leaf	broadly elliptical to round, dark green, about 6 cm
Flowers	cream white, about 2 cm, in short, erect racemes, mid-April/early May
Fruits	purplish black, 1 - 1.5 cm, edible, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few soil requirements, prefers calcareous
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Application	narrow streets, parks, squares, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem tree
Origin	Arboretum Kalmthout, Kalmthout, Belgium, 1994

Conspicuously columnar, small tree, usually not much taller than 3.5 m. The broadly elliptical to virtually round leaves are somewhat bronze coloured on emergence, but are dark green in summer. In autumn they turn yellowish with a red tinge. Around mid-April, the creamy white flowers open in short, erect racemes. The individual flowers are 1.5 - 2 cm across. They can be followed by relatively large, purplish black, edible fruits. Due to its small height and columnar growth pattern, it is good for use in narrow streets, housing estates and gardens. Amelanchier has few soil requirements but grows best in calcareous soil.