



## Amelanchier laevis 'Snowflakes'



<b>Height</b>	4 - 6 (10) m
<b>Crown</b>	narrow oval, later broader, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	light grey, smooth
<b>Leaf</b>	broadly elliptical, dark green, 3 - 7 cm
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow, red
<b>Flowers</b>	White, 2.5 - 3.5 cm, in long, rather overhanging racemes, earl April/earl May
<b>Fruits</b>	brownish red, edible, edible fruits
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few soil requirements, prefers calcareous
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Application</b>	narrow streets, parks, squares, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, large gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
<b>Origin</b>	Proefstation voor de Boomkwekerij, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1991

Initially grows as a large, fairly slender, vertical shrub, growing later into a small tree with a broader, oval crown. The dark green leaf emerges with a slightly bronze colour. It is somewhat irregular, broadly elliptical and turns yellow and red in autumn. In comparison with other cultivars, the leaf is rather less attractive, but the bright white flowers are strikingly big. This effect is reinforced because they are grouped in somewhat overhanging racemes. They are followed by brownish red, edible fruits. The plant has a reasonable to good fruit yield. 'Snowflakes' originated from seed imported from Canada by Proefstation voor de Boomkwekerij in Boskoop (NL). Amelanchier has few soil requirements but grows best in calcareous soil.