



## Crataegus ×grignonensis



<b>Height</b>	5 - 6 m
<b>Crown</b>	broad vase-shaped, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	greyish-brown branches, seldom thorny
<b>Leaf</b>	oval to ovoid, somewhat leathery, dull green, 3 - 7 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	in umbels, while to pale pink, May/June
<b>Fruits</b>	round, Ø approx. 1.5 cm, glossy reddish-brown
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	Yes
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	makes few demands, preferably not too dry
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), provides food for birds
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets, parks, cemeteries, large gardens
<b>Origin</b>	France, circa 1873

This cross between *C. crus-galli* and *C. pubescens* grows into a small tree approx. 6 m tall with a dense and broad vase-shaped crown. The greyish-brown branches are practically without thorns. The oval to ovoid leaves have 2 - 4 lobes and are slightly leathery. The upper side is dull dark green, the underside light green. In the autumn the leaves remain a long time on the tree, often until well into December. White flowers in umbels appear in May and June. They are followed by glossy reddish-brown fruits approx. 1.5 cm in diameter. They stay on the tree until the first frost. The tree needs good anchoring because of its weak root system. Preferably on wind-free sites in parks and small streets.