



## Crataegus laevigata 'Plena'



Height	10 m
Crown	round, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	twigs grey, with thorns, bark brown-grey, peeling in small platelets
Leaf	ovate, 3/5 lobes, very dark green, 3 - 6 cm
Flowers	white, blossoming dirt pink, full, in panicles, May-June
Fruits	none, fruitless cultivar
Spines/thorns	Yes
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	few soil requirements, prefers fairly heavy soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	moderate
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
Application	avenues and broad streets, parks, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Circa 1770
Synonyms	Crataegus laevigata 'Alboplena'

Crataegus laevigata 'Plena' is a tree with a dense, broad, more or less rounded crown and it grows up to 10 m in height. The trunk and branches are grey. The branches bear thorns approx. 2.5 cm long and viciously sharp. The leaves are a remarkable dark green and have 3 - 5 lobes. The double flowers grow in umbels and turn from white to dirty pink. 'Plena' is sterile and therefore produces no fruit. It prefers nutritious soils, not too moist. The soil must be sufficiently compact since the tree is sensitive to wind when the root system is not well developed. Can be used in parks, streets and gardens. Winter hardiness zone: 5a