



## Pyrus communis 'Beech Hill'



<b>Height</b>	9 - 12 m
<b>Crown</b>	narrow pyramidal, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	trunk dark grey, deeply grooved, twigs greenish brown
<b>Leaf</b>	oval to elliptical or round, glossy dark green, 4 - 8 cm
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow, orange, red
<b>Flowers</b>	pure white, in bundles, April
<b>Fruits</b>	yellowish brown small pears, approx. 2.5 - 5 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	neutral to calcareous, preferably dry
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good, also on the coast
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, parks, squares, tree containers, cemeteries, roof gardens, coastal areas, industrial areas, large gardens, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree
<b>Origin</b>	England

Healthy, undemanding tree with a narrow, pyramidal crown. Height 9 - 12 m, width up to approx. 5 - 7 m. Old trees have a trunk that is dark grey to practically black, deeply grooved and flaking off in small bits. Young twigs start out slightly hairy but are soon bare. They turn greyish brown and sometimes have thorns. They are oval round to elliptical and glossy dark green, the edges are sharply serrated. The autumn colour is orange-red to yellowish red. Pure white flowers bloom profusely in April. The flowers, approx. 4 cm in diameter, grow in bundles of 5 to 9 together. Edible, fairly tasteless pear-shaped fruits follow in the autumn. Demands neutral to slightly calcareous soil. Tolerates dry conditions. Use as solitary tree and along narrow avenues and streets.