



## Pyrus communis subsp. caucasica



<b>Height</b>	15 - 20 m
<b>Crown</b>	elongated to ovoid, variable, 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>Flowers</b>	white, in bundles, April
<b>Fruits</b>	yellowish brown small pears, approx. 4 - 12 cm, edible fruits
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	Yes
<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>	parks, large gardens, patio gardens
<b>Origin</b>	Caucasus
<b>Synonyms</b>	Pyrus caucasica

A tree with a variable manner of growth that usually develops a narrow, ovoid crown. Height approx. 15 - 20 m, width approx. 10 m. Old trees have a trunk that is dark grey, and sometimes practically black. Usually deeply grooved and sometimes flaking off in small bits. Young twigs start out slightly hairy but are soon bare. They turn greyish brown and sometimes have thorns. The leaves are very variable in shape. They are round, oval or elliptical and glossy dark green, the edges are sharply serrated. White flowers bloom profusely in late 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 calcareous soil and is resistant to dryness.