



Pyrus communis subsp. caucasica



Height	15 - 20 m
Crown	elongated to ovoid, variable, half-open crown
Bark and branches	trunk dark grey, deeply grooved, twigs greenish brown
Leaf	oval to elliptical or round, glossy dark green, 4 - 8 cm
Flowers	white, in bundles, April
Fruits	yellowish brown small pears, approx. 4 - 12 cm, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	Yes
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	neutral to calcareous, preferably dry
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
Wind resistance	good, also on the coast
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	parks, large gardens, patio gardens
Origin	Caucasus
Synonyms	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.