



## Sorbus 'Joseph Rock'



<b>Height</b>	6 - 8 m
<b>Crown</b>	narrow pyramidal, dark, dense crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	greyish-brown, twigs greenish-brown
<b>Leaf</b>	imparipinnate, 8 - 16 cm, 15 - 19 leaf segments, dark green, feathered leaf
<b>Autumn colour</b>	red, purple
<b>Flowers</b>	white, in umbels of 8 - 15 cm Ø, May/June
<b>Fruits</b>	creamy yellow, later amber yellow, remain on the tree for a long time
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	makes few demands, can grow on poor soils
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	very good
<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, cemeteries, large gardens, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree
<b>Origin</b>	unknown

This is a very remarkable hybrid, origin unknown. The tree grows narrowly pyramidal to a height of approx. 8 m and is very compact. The leaves, up to approx. 16 cm in size, are imparipinnate and consist of 15 - 19 narrow obovate leaflets. In the autumn they turn red-orange to purple and, together with the remarkable fruits, constitute the major ornamental factor. At first the fruits are creamy yellow but later turn dark yellow to amber. 'Joseph Rock' is very inconsistent in the amount of fruit it bears. But the fruit stays on the tree for a long time, sometimes until mid-December, and contrasts well with the leaves' autumn colours. Unfortunately this handsome tree is sensitive to bacterial fire blight.