



## Sorbus torminalis



<b>Height</b>	10 - 15 (20) m
<b>Crown</b>	round, light, open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs grey-brown to reddish brown, bark grey to grey-brown, in peeling plates
<b>Leaf</b>	broad ovate, pointed lobes, 6 - 11 cm, glossy green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	red, purple
<b>Flowers</b>	white, Ø approx. 1.2 cm, in approx. 12 cm-wide corymbs, May
<b>Fruits</b>	brown with lighter lenticels, oval, approx. 1.5 cm long
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	nutrient-rich and moist soils, tolerates some drought
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	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
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Central and Southern Europe, North-West Africa and Asia Minor

Large tree with a round, open crown. Usually reaches 15 m tall but under very favourable conditions can grow to 20 m. The young twigs have contiguous hairs which it loses after the first winter. The old bark is shed, first in small rectangular plates, later in long, narrow strips. The leaves are glossy green and almost hairless on top. The underside is lighter and hairy. In autumn the leaf turns a lovely red to purplish red. The flowers open in May. They are white with striking yellow anthers and stand in wide corymbs. The oval fruits are brown with light brown lenticels that are visible as light dots. A strong tree that grows in all nutrient-rich and moist soils but also tolerates drier soils.