



Halesia carolina 'UConn Wedding Bells'



Height	5-8 m
Width	4-6m
Crown	broad oval, half-open crown
Bark and branches	grey branches, bark turns to black-grey
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	yellow
Flowers	white, flowers in April/May
Fruits	winged drupe, brown
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree

Halesia carolina 'UConn Wedding Bells' is a small tree with a broad oval crown growing 5-8 m high at a maximum diameter of 6 m. The branches are grey and the old bark is dark grey to black-grey, with shallow lighter longitudinal grooves. The leaves are as in the species H. carolina; oval to ovoid and fresh green. 'UConn Wedding Bells' flowers profusely, even at a young age. The flowers are bell-shaped, white and have a dark yellow heart of stamens. They open significantly further than in the species H. carolina. The flowers are also larger, reinforcing the impression of an even richer bloom. Flowering time April-May.

Was found in Ohio, USA, but introduced in the late 1990s by Mark Brand, University of Connecticut, USA. It is an attractive small tree for use in parks, gardens, squares, cemeteries, etc. Cannot be paved and prefers well-drained, humous soil. Hardiness zone 6a.