



## Malus 'Elise Rathke'



<b>Height</b>	3 m
<b>Width</b>	3-4m
<b>Crown</b>	broad weeping, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	brown
<b>Leaf</b>	green
<b>Flowers</b>	light white, pink, flowers in May
<b>Fruits</b>	edible fruits, red
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, acid soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	3 (-40,0 to -24,5 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good, susceptible to sea wind
<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, valuable for bees (honey plant)
<b>Application</b>	industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, clearstem fruit tree

Top-grafted small tree with well branching, broad weeping crown. It grows to approx. 3 m tall. The oval leaves have a pointed tip and are glossy green on top, grey-green and hairy on the underside. The flowers are approx. 5 cm, pale pinkish, opening around early May. The flower buds are pink. The relatively large edible fruits measure up to 5 cm across. They are green-yellow with a red blush and edible. This old cultivar, introduced in 1886 by Baumschule Späth in Germany, is sometimes wrongly used as a synonym of *M. pulima* 'Pendula'. A quaint tree that is very susceptible to scab.