



Mespilus germanica 'Bredase Reus'



Height	4 - 6 (8) m
Width	4-6m
Crown	flat-topped, spherical, irregular, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	light grey, young twigs dark brown-grey, woolly
Leaf	elongated to elliptical, dark green, 6 - 14 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, red
Flowers	terminal, saucer-shaped, white, Ø 3.5 - 5 cm, May/June
Fruits	matt bronze-green to light brown, Ø 5 - 6 cm, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile and moist
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °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, provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Breda Trial Garden, the Netherlands, ca. 1934
Synonyms	Mespilus germanica 'Dutch', Mespilus germanica 'Holländische', Mespilus Germanica 'Monstreuse de Holland'

Grows slightly more vigorously than the species, small tree with heavy main branches and irregular, flat-topped, spherical crown to approx. 6 m tall. The elongated to obovate leaf is very finely serrated with soft hairs, especially when young. In autumn it turns reddish brown to deep golden yellow. The matt brown, hard fruits have strikingly large calyx valves and are only edible when rotting. Often after the first night frost. Annually, 'Bredase Reus' bears a lot of fruits which are larger than the species. In around 1934 the original tree stood in the Breda Trial Garden, but the plant has been distributed since ca. 1950. Deep rooting tree. Tolerates limy soils, is very hardy and heat resistant.