



Pyrus nivalis



Height	6 - 10 m
Width	5-7m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	very dark grey, young shoots are a woolly silvery grey
Leaf	reverse ovoid to oval, silvery grey, later greyish green, 5 - 8 cm
Autumn colour	red
Flowers	in umbels, white, Ø approx. 2.5 - 3 cm, late April/May
Fruits	round, yellowish green, Ø 3 - 5 cm, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	places little demands
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates 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, provides food for birds
Application	coastal areas
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Central and South-Eastern Europe

Small tree with a round, loose crown made up of robust, vertical branches. Height 6 - 10 m, width 5 - 7 m. Young twigs are silvery white with hair. Older twigs are bare and turn darker, from grey to practically black. The trunk is also very dark grey to practically black. The twigs have no thorns. The oval to inverse oval leaves start out with white, velvety hair. They quickly change to glossy, greyish green. The underside of the leaf remains velvety white. The autumn colour is dark red. At the same time new leaves appear, the white, velvety flowers bloom in umbels. Diameter of flowers 2.5 - 3 cm. Yellowish green fruits follow in late summer. They have a tart taste. Particularly lovely solitary tree for parks and gardens. Requires direct sunlight. Tolerates dry conditions. The species name *Pyrus nivalis* is derived from the Latin word for snow white flowers that appear in early spring.