



Sorbus 'Joseph Rock'



Height	6 - 8 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	narrow pyramidal, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	greyish-brown, twigs greenish-brown
Leaf	imparipinnate, 8 - 16 cm, 15 - 19 leaf segments, dark green, feathered leaf
Autumn colour	red, purple
Flowers	white, in umbels of 8 - 15 cm Ø, May/June
Fruits	creamy yellow, later amber yellow, remain on the tree for a long time
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	makes few demands, can grow on poor soils
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	very 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	small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	unknown

This is a very remarkable hybrid, origin unknown. The tree grows narrowly pyramidal to a height of approx. 8 m and is very compact. The leaves, up to approx. 16 cm in size, are imparipinnate and consist of 15 - 19 narrow obovate leaflets. In the autumn they turn red-orange to purple and, together with the remarkable fruits, constitute the major ornamental factor. At first the fruits are creamy yellow but later turn dark yellow to amber. 'Joseph Rock' is very inconsistent in the amount of fruit it bears. But the fruit stays on the tree for a long time, sometimes until mid-December, and contrasts well with the leaves' autumn colours. Unfortunately this handsome tree is sensitive to bacterial fire blight.