



## Amelanchier alnifolia 'Obelisk'



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| Height                | 3 - 5 m, slow growing   |
| Width                 | 1-2m  |
| Crown                 | columnar, dark, dense crown   |
| Bark and branches     | grey-brown, smooth  |
| Leaf                  | broadly elliptical to round, dark green, about 6 cm                         |
| Flowers               | cream white, about 2 cm, in short, erect racemes, mid-April/earl May        |
| Fruits                | purplish black, 1 - 1.5 cm, edible, edible fruits                           |
| Spines/thorns         | None  |
| Toxicity              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock                     |
| Soil type             | few soil requirements, prefers calcareous                                   |
| Paving                | tolerates partial paving  |
| Winter hardiness zone | 5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)  |
| Wind resistance       | good  |
| Other resistances     | resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind                           |
| Application           | narrow streets, tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens |
| Shape                 | clearstem tree, feathered tree, multi-stem treem                            |
| Origin                | Arboretum Kalmthout, Kalmthout, Belgium, 1994                               |

Conspicuously columnar, small tree, usually not much taller than 3.5 m. The broadly elliptical to virtually round leaves are somewhat bronze coloured on emergence, but are dark green in summer. In autumn they turn yellowish with a red tinge. Around mid-April, the creamy white flowers open in short, erect racemes. The individual flowers are 1.5 - 2 cm across. They can be followed by relatively large, purplish black, edible fruits. Due to its small height and columnar growth pattern, it is good for use in narrow streets, housing estates and gardens. Amelanchier has few soil requirements but grows best in calcareous soil.