



## Amelanchier 'Ballerina'



<b>Height</b>	4 - 6 m
<b>Width</b>	3-5m
<b>Crown</b>	vase-shaped, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey-brown, smooth to slightly grooved
<b>Leaf</b>	broad ovoid, dark green, 4 - 7 cm
<b>Autumn colour</b>	red, purple
<b>Flowers</b>	white in pendulous clusters, April/May
<b>Fruits</b>	red to nearly black, large, edible fruits
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	makes very few demands on the soil, not too wet, prefers calcareous soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates partial paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, resistant to de-icing salt
<b>Application</b>	narrow streets, tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Test station for the Tree Nursery, Boskoop (NL), 1980
<b>Synonyms</b>	Amelanchier lamarckii 'Ballerina', Amelanchier laevis 'Ballerina'

From being a shrub it sometimes grows to become a small tree. The broad, vase-shaped crown and fine branching pattern give this tree a striking winter silhouette. The dark-green, long-stemmed and broadly elliptical leaves are bare and coloured greyish green underneath. In the autumn they turn to purple. The white flowers are in large, loose, pendulous flower clusters. Berries appear starting in late July and turn from a purplish red colour to black. They are 1 cm large and very edible, with a sweet flavour. The large quantity of berries can create problems for paved ground below. 'Ballerina' has a fine root system close to the surface. It places little demands on the soil, prefers slightly calcareous soil that is not too wet. Very strong tree, resistant to wind and severe frost.