



Malus prunifolia 'Fastigiata'



Height	5-7 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown, grey
Leaf	green
Flowers	white, flowers in May
Fruits	yellow, red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, acid soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	3 (-40,0 to -24,5 °C)
Wind resistance	good, susceptible to sea wind
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	narrow streets, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

The crown of *Malus prunifolia* 'Fastigiata' is columnar when young, after a few years the crown widens and eventually becomes semi-open, broadly vase-shaped to fan-shaped. The tree grows about 5-7 m tall. In April, the pinkish-white flowers open, blushing white. The flower buds are slightly reddened. The flowers are single and about 5 cm in size. They are followed by many, circa 2 cm large round ornamental apples. These are yellow with a red blush. The weight of the many fruits causes the branches to bend, which will widen the crown. *M. prunifolia* 'Fastigiata' flowers very abundantly, but has alternate years, so that flowering and fruiting are not equally abundant every year. The tree will grow in almost any soil, provided it is well-drained. Tolerates wind, but not sea wind.

The exact origin of 'Fastigiata' is not known, the tree first appearing in 1906 in a nursery of the USDA, the US Department of Agriculture. The tree is extremely hardy, hardiness zone 3.