



Mespilus germanica 'Westerveld'



Height	4 - 6 (8) m, slow growing
Width	4-6m
Crown	flat-topped, spherical, irregular, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	light grey, young twigs dark brown-grey, woolly
Leaf	elongated to obovate, dark green, 6 - 14 cm
Autumn colour	yellow, red
Flowers	terminal, saucer-shaped, white, Ø 3.5 - 5 cm, May/June
Fruits	brown, Ø 4.5 - 5.5 cm, edible fruits
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	fertile and moist
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °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	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	H. van Eldik, Westerveld Nursery, Opheusden, the Netherlands, ca. 1975

Slow growing small tree with heavy main branches and irregular, flat-topped, spherical crown to approx. 6 m tall. The young twigs are grey and woolly whereas the mature bark is light grey and smooth. The elongated to obovate leaf is very finely serrated with soft hairs, especially when young. In autumn it turns reddish brown to deep golden yellow. The brown, hard fruits have strikingly large calyx valves and are only edible when rotting. Often after the first night frost. The fruits of 'Westerveld' are a little larger than the species and this breed is guaranteed to bear a large annual crop. In around 1975 it was included and named by Westerveld tree nursery in the NAKB (Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture) inspection. Deep rooting tree. Tolerates limy soils, is very hardy and heat resistant.