



Prunus lusitanica



Height	5 - 15 (20) m
Width	5-10m
Crown	round, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	twigs purple to purple-green, bark black-brown, smooth
Leaf	evergreen, oval to elongated-oval, pointed tip, glossy dark green, 6 - 12 cm, evergreen
Flowers	cream white, 1 - 1.5 cm, in terminal and axillar racemes, 15 - 25 cm, June
Fruits	dark red to blackish purple, oval
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	any, provided it is fertile and moist
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	7b (-14,9 to -12,3 °C)
Wind resistance	very good
Other resistances	can withstand wind
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, industrial areas, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Spain, Portugal

Grows from a shrub into a small to medium-size tree with a very dense branching and round crown. In nature the tree can reach a height of approx. 20 m, but in culture it remains significantly smaller. The young twigs are conspicuously purple coloured which contrasts nicely with the dark green glossy leaf. The leaves feel leathery. In June the substantial, erect racemes with cream-coloured flowers appear. The flowers have a sweet and pleasant fragrance. After the blossom, oval fruits are formed. These turn from green or red to dark red to blackish purple. Thanks to the firm, leathery leaf, the tree is very wind resistant and can also tolerate sea wind. Suitable for use in parks and gardens, solitary or in groups. Needs protection against cold, drying wind.