



## Sorbus discolor



<b>Height</b>	6 - 8 m
<b>Width</b>	3-5m
<b>Crown</b>	broad ovoid, half-open crown
<b>Bark and branches</b>	grey, twigs bare and glossy reddish-brown
<b>Leaf</b>	imparipinnate, approx. 18 cm, 11 - 17 leaf segments, dark green, feathered leaf
<b>Autumn colour</b>	red
<b>Flowers</b>	white, in umbels of approx. 12 cm Ø, May
<b>Fruits</b>	almost white to creamy yellow, turning pink, Ø 0.7 - 1 cm
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	makes few demands, stands up to poor dry soils
<b>Soil moisture</b>	suitable for dry soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	good
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
<b>Origin</b>	Northern China
<b>Synonyms</b>	Sorbus pekinensis discolor

This small tree has an open crown with sturdy ascending branches. It does not form a central trunk, making the crown ovoid. The young twigs are bare and glossy reddish-brown. The imparipinnate leaves consist of 11 - 17 leaflets, lanceolate to elongated, and the stipules remain on the tree for a long time. The leaf edge is serrated except at the foot where it is smooth. S. discolor has dark green leaves that are bluish-green on the underside. In the autumn the leaves turn an intense red. The flowers are in loose stemmed umbels, somewhat hairy, with many white flowers grouped together. The fruits appear in late summer. They are almost white to creamy yellow and sometimes have a pale pink blush. With their pale colour the fruits contrast well with the autumn shades of the leaves. A type much to be recommended.