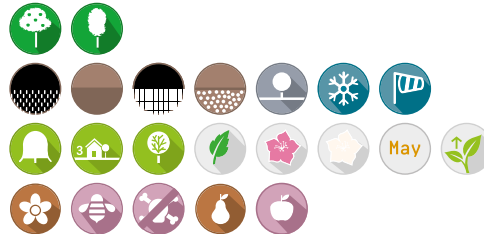




Malus 'Elise Rathke'



Height	3 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	broad weeping, half-open crown
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	light white, pink, flowers in May
Fruits	edible fruits, 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 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, valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, clearstem fruit tree

Top-grafted small tree with well branching, broad weeping crown. It grows to approx. 3 m tall. The oval leaves have a pointed tip and are glossy green on top, grey-green and hairy on the underside. The flowers are approx. 5 cm, pale pinkish, opening around early May. The flower buds are pink. The relatively large edible fruits measure up to 5 cm across. They are green-yellow with a red blush and edible. This old cultivar, introduced in 1886 by Baumschule Späth in Germany, is sometimes wrongly used as a synonym of *M. pulima* 'Pendula'. A quaint tree that is very susceptible to scab.