



## Mespilus germanica 'Macrocarpa'



<b>Height</b>	4-6 (8) m
<b>Width</b>	4-6m
<b>Crown</b>	flat-topped spherical, dark, dense crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	brown, grey
<b>Leaf</b>	green
<b>Autumn colour</b>	yellow
<b>Flowers</b>	white, flowers in May
<b>Fruits</b>	edible fruits, greenbrown, brown
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	None
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5b (-26,0 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>Application</b>	tree containers, roof gardens, small gardens, patio gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree

Mespilus germanica 'Macrocarpa' does not differ much from the species *M. germanica*, but differs from it mainly in that the fruits are larger. 'Macrocarpa' is a slow-growing tree that eventually reaches 4-6 (8) m in height. The crown is flattened spherical and somewhat irregular in shape. This erratic crown shape gives the tree a somewhat informal character. The old bark is grey. The inverted ovoid to oblong, dark green leaves are hairy. In autumn, the dark green leaves turn dark yellow to orange-yellow. White flowers, up to 5 cm in size, open in May. They are followed by up to 6 cm large edible fruits, called medlars. These are slightly more flattened at the top than in *M. germanica*. 'Macrophylla' usually produces many fruits. Hardiness zone 5b.