



# Prunus laurocerasus

## 'Rotundifolia'



Height	3-5 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	broad ovoid, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	brown, grey
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	white, flowers in May
Fruits	black
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, peaty soil
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil, suitable for wet soil
Paving	tolerates partial paving
Winter hardiness zone	7b (-14,9 to -12,3 °C)
Fauna tree	valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

'Rotundifolia' is a large evergreen shrub to small tree that can reach 5 m in height. The wide-rising, densely branched crown is broadly ovate. Later in life, the plant will sag more and the crown becomes almost round. The annual twigs are yellow-green and the elliptical to inverted ovoid leaves are 12-17 cm long and 5-8 cm wide. The greatest width of the leaf is slightly to well above the centre of the leaf blade. The leaf margins are serrate. The leaves are slightly glossy mid-green, but on less nutritious or calcareous soils they turn light green. The flowers are white and appear in about 13 cm long, erect clusters. In (early) May, 'Rotundifolia' can flower profusely; a second flowering period sometimes follows in late summer, but less profusely.

'Rotundifolia' is a very well-known and widely used cultivar introduced in 1865 by Billard & Barre, Fontenay-aux-Roses, France. It is a good hardy cultivar suitable for use as a broad hedge and in plant groups. Hardiness zone 7b.