



## Punica granatum



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| <b>Height</b>                | 3 - 5 (8) m                                                              |
| <b>Width</b>                 | 3-5m                                                                     |
| <b>Crown</b>                 | round, dark, dense crown, capricious growing                             |
| <b>Bark and branches</b>     | twigs light brown, square, bark brown, later flaking off in plates       |
| <b>Leaf</b>                  | elliptical to obovate or narrow elongated, glossy dark green, 3 - 8 cm   |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | single or in clusters, dark orange-red, 2.5 - 4 cm, June/September       |
| <b>Fruits</b>                | round, fleshy fruit, yellowish red, 4 - 7 (10) cm, edible, edible fruits |
| <b>Spines/thorns</b>         | Yes                                                                      |
| <b>Toxicity</b>              | usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock                  |
| <b>Soil type</b>             | any, provided fertile, moist but well-drained                            |
| <b>Paving</b>                | tolerates no paving                                                      |
| <b>Winter hardiness zone</b> | 8b (-9,4,5 to -6,7 °C)                                                   |
| <b>Wind resistance</b>       | very good                                                                |
| <b>Other resistances</b>     | can withstand wind                                                       |
| <b>Application</b>           | coastal areas, small gardens, patio gardens                              |
| <b>Shape</b>                 | multi-stem treem                                                         |
| <b>Origin</b>                | South-eastern Europe to southern Himalayas                               |

For centuries the pomegranate has been cultivated both as a decorative plant as well as for it's edible fruit. The plant grows from a shrub into a small tree with a round crown. The crown is dense with somewhat tangled branches, with light brown, twigs with sharp points (thorns). When mature the bark flakes off in plates revealing a cream-coloured inner bark. In autumn the shiny green leaves turn brownish yellow. The pomegranate blossoms almost all summer. The flowers consist of darker orange-red wrinkled petals. They are followed by the familiar edible fruits. These large, yellow-red fruits contain countless seeds in a sweet, fleshy pulp. Because of its limited winter hardiness, this tree can only be used in North-West Europe as a tub plant in gardens, on patios and in courtyards. Punica granatum is pH neutral and will grow on any fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Loves direct sunlight.