



Sorbus torminalis



Height	10 - 15 (20) m
Width	6-8m
Crown	round, light, open crown
Bark and branches	twigs grey-brown to reddish brown, bark grey to grey-brown, in peeling plates
Leaf	broad ovate, pointed lobes, 6 - 11 cm, glossy green
Autumn colour	red, purple
Flowers	white, Ø approx. 1.2 cm, in approx. 12 cm-wide corymbs, May
Fruits	brown with lighter lenticels, oval, approx. 1.5 cm long
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	nutrient-rich and moist soils, tolerates some drought
Soil moisture	suitable for dry soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	5b (-26,0 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem
Origin	Central and Southern Europe, North-West Africa and Asia Minor

Large tree with a round, open crown. Usually reaches 15 m tall but under very favourable conditions can grow to 20 m. The young twigs have contiguous hairs which it loses after the first winter. The old bark is shed, first in small rectangular plates, later in long, narrow strips. The leaves are glossy green and almost hairless on top. The underside is lighter and hairy. In autumn the leaf turns a lovely red to purplish red. The flowers open in May. They are white with striking yellow anthers and stand in wide corymbs. The oval fruits are brown with light brown lenticels that are visible as light dots. A strong tree that grows in all nutrient-rich and moist soils but also tolerates drier soils.