



Prunus laurocerasus 'Caucasica'



Height	2-3 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	vase-shaped, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	brown, grey
Leaf	green, evergreen
Flowers	white, flowers in May-June, August
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 no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	tree containers, industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem treem

'Caucasica' is a large evergreen shrub to small tree to over 3 m in height, growing to over 4 m in some cases. The densely branched crown is rather slender vase-shaped to oval and clearly upright growing. The annual twigs are yellow-green. The oblong to narrowly elliptical leaves are 12-20 cm long and 3-5 cm wide. The greatest width of the leaf is halfway to slightly above the centre of the leaf blade. The leaf margin is serrated and at the top there is a typical undulation on one side. The leaves are glossy dark yellow-green. The flowers are white, in long erect clusters. Main flowering is in May and June, often followed by a second flowering around the end of August. 'Caucasica' is not a richly flowering cultivar. 'Caucasica' is one of the oldest cultivars of *P. laurocerasus* and was named in France in 1852. It is an excellent hardy cultivar, suitable for use as a small tree or tall hedge. 'Caucasica' can also be beautiful in plant groups. Hardiness zone 6a.