



Prunus serrula 'Branklyn'



Height	6-8 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	vase-shaped, half-open crown
Bark and branches	twigs dark brown, bark shiny mahogany red, strongly flaking
Leaf	green
Autumn colour	yellow, orange
Flowers	cream white, flowers in April
Fruits	red, black
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6a (-23,3 to -20,6 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	avenues and broad streets, narrow streets, tree containers, small gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, multi-stem tree

Prunus serrula is a species known in England as the Birch bark cherry. The species owes this name to its shiny, mahogany-coloured bark that peels off paper-like. 'Branklyn' differs from this species in that the crown is narrow vase-shaped when young and vase-shaped when older. This makes the tree much more widely applicable than the species P. serrula, which has a round crown. The bark is shiny mahogany-red/brown, slightly lighter and perhaps even smoother and shinier than in P. serrula. The bark leaves off attractively in papery strips. The dark green leaves turn yellow in autumn before falling off. The flowers are arranged in clusters of up to 4 flowers together or are single. They are creamy white and open in April. They may be followed by small red fruits that later turn black. The flowers and fruits are dwarfed in ornamental value by the beautiful bark. 'Branklyn' was selected as an unnamed seedling in the garden of the same name in Perth, Scotland, because of its beautifully different crown shape and bark. Like P. serrula, 'Branklyn' does not tolerate wet soils. Very suitable for use in gardens, parks, narrow profiles and in A-locations.