

Amelanchier 'Autumn Brilliance'

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Amelanchier 'Autumn Brilliance' (the Autumn Brilliance serviceberry) is a spontaneous seedling of *Amelanchier x grandiflora*, selected and patented by Willet N. Wandel in the United States in 1984. It is a fast-growing, great solitary shrub or multi-stem tree with a wide vase-shaped crown. The cultivar shines in a consistent autumn colour, with little to no damage from frost and no damage from fungi.

Just before the leaves start to sprout in April, the *Amelanchier* 'Autumn Brilliance' blooms bountifully with racemes of white flowers. In the summer, it bears tasty, small red-violet fruit - a delicacy for birds. The autumn colour of the 'Autumn Brilliance' serviceberry is a strikingly bright orange-red.

For rich flowering and fruits, and for the most beautiful autumn colour, the *Amelanchier* 'Autumn Brilliance' should be placed in direct sunlight. Put the shrub in slightly acidic, moist, but permeable soil. The species is best as a solitary shrub or planted in groups. Not a lot of formative pruning is required; regenerative pruning can be done after it blooms in May.

SEASONAL COLOURS



TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: multi-stemmed trees, fruit trees, solitary shrubs

USE

Location: park, central reservation, in containers, roof garden, large garden, cemetery, ecological zone | **Pavement:** none, open | **Planting concepts:** Eco planting, Landscape planting

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** dense | **Height:** 5.5 - 7.5 m | **Width:** 5.5 - 7.5 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 4A - 8B

ASPECTS

Wind: tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, heavy clay, light clay, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, birds, humans

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Flowers: raceme, star-shaped, standing, singular, small | **Flower colour:** white | **Flowering period:** April - April | **Leaf colour:** buds bronze, green, underside grey-green | **Leaves:** ovoid, serrate | **Autumn colour:** orange-red | **Fruits:** edible, small, raceme, berry, drupe | **Fruit colour:** violet | **Bark colour:** grey | **Bark:** smooth, striped | **Twig colour:** grey-brown | **Twigs:** bare, finely branched | **Root system:** shallow, extensive, fine roots, root suckers