

# *Amelanchier alnifolia* 'Obelisk'

## Obelisk saskatoon serviceberry, Columnar alder-leaved shadbush



*Amelanchier alnifolia* 'Obelisk' (Obelisk saskatoon serviceberry) is a beautiful, narrow upright cultivar of the *Amelanchier alnifolia*. The species was selected from seedlings and marketed by Arboretum Kalmthout in Belgium in 1994.

In late April and early May, the columnar serviceberry richly blooms large racemes of white flowers. After it blooms, it bears edible blue-violet fruits, loved by birds. The leaves are wide, egg-shaped and serrated and resemble the leaves of an alder. The leaves bud bronze, are green in the summer with a grey-green underside and yellow-orange in autumn.

With its limited width, the *Amelanchier alnifolia* 'Obelisk' is perfect for small gardens or narrow streets with a large drip line. The tree thrives in direct sunlight in acidic to neutral, moist soil.

### SEASONAL COLOURS



### TYPES OF PLANTING

**Tree types:** standard trees, feathered trees

### USE

**Location:** avenue, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, roof garden, large garden, small garden, patio, cemetery | **Pavement:** none, open | **Planting concepts:** Eco planting, urban planting

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** columnar | **Crown structure:** dense | **Height:** 3 - 4.5 m | **Width:** 1 - 2 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 5A - 8B

### ASPECTS

**Wind:** tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, heavy clay, light clay, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic, neutral (5.1 - 7.5) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, birds, humans | **Extreme environments:** tolerant to dryness

### PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** raceme, star-shaped, striking, standing, small, scented | **Flower colour:** white | **Flowering period:** April - May | **Leaf colour:** buds bronze, green, underside grey-green | **Leaves:** deciduous, ovoid, serrate | **Autumn colour:** yellow-orange | **Fruits:** edible, small, berry | **Fruit colour:** blue-violet | **Bark colour:** grey-brown | **Bark:** smooth | **Twig colour:** brown | **Twigs:** bare, vertical branches, finely branched | **Root system:** deep, shallow, extensive, highly branched