

# *Amelanchier laevis* 'Snowflakes'

## Snowflakes allegheny serviceberry



*Amelanchier laevis* 'Snowflakes' (Snowflakes allegheny serviceberry) is a selection from 1991 by the testing station for the tree nursery in Boskoop. It is a wide shrub to a small, elegant tree with a vase-shaped crown and a maximum height of 6 metres.

In early spring - before the leaves start to sprout - the Snowflakes allegheny serviceberry blooms bountifully with relatively large racemes of flowers. At first, the flowers are light-pink, and then they turn white. The warmer the spring season, the whiter the flowers will become. The edible blue-violet berries will be ripe in late July. The leaves bud somewhat bronze, are a lovely dark-green in summer and bright orange-red in autumn.

The serviceberry requires direct sunlight or light shade. It is a species for gardens, parks and central reservations. It tolerates strong wind very well; the *Amelanchier laevis* 'Snowflakes' therefore also does very well in roof gardens. Plant the tree in slightly acidic, permeable, humous and moist soil.

### SEASONAL COLOURS



### TYPES OF PLANTING

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

### USE

**Location:** avenue, park, central reservation, in containers, roof garden, large garden, small garden, patio, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones, countryside, ecological zone | **Pavement:** none, open | **Planting concepts:** Eco planting, Landscape planting

### CHARACTERISTICS

**Crown shape:** wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 4 - 6 m | **Width:** 4 - 6 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 5A - 8B

### ASPECTS

**Wind:** tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** moist | **Light requirements:** sun | **pH range:** acidic, neutral (5.4 - 7.4) | **Host plant/forage plant:** bees, butterflies, birds, humans | **Extreme environments:** tolerates air pollution

### PLANTKENMERKEN

**Flowers:** raceme, star-shaped, striking, small, scented | **Flower colour:** white | **Flowering period:** April - May | **Leaf colour:** buds bronze, green, underside grey-green | **Leaves:** deciduous, ovate, small, singular, leathery, serrate | **Autumn colour:** orange-red | **Fruits:** edible, small, frosty, berry | **Fruit colour:** red-violet, blue-violet | **Bark colour:** grey-brown | **Bark:** smooth | **Twig colour:** grey-brown | **Twigs:** bare, frosty, finely branched | **Root system:** shallow, extensive, slightly branched