

## Amelanchier - Growing Guide

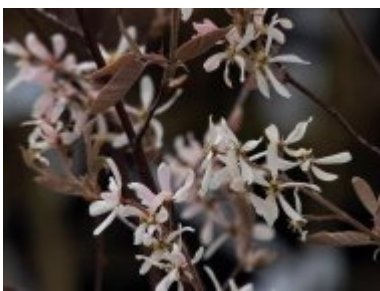
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Snowy Mespilus, June berry

These are large shrubs and small trees from North America which complement and support the amazing displays of flowering cherries and earn a place in the more difficult and boring parts of the woodland garden or as backing for the herbaceous border because of their flowers and fruits as well as their autumn colours. Tough as old boots, prunable, but also pretty indestructible. In The Valley Gardens at Windsor Great Park great swathes of *Amelanchier lamarkii* have been planted on hillsides to give a colourful start to early May and a grand finale of colour in October with plenty of fruits for birds to enjoy.

One of the best flowering forms is *A.* 'Ballerina' which is a form of *A. laevis*. It grows up to 20ft with white flowers in arching racemes 6in long. It has bronze tinted new growth and sweet, edible juicy fruit which ripens to purplish black.

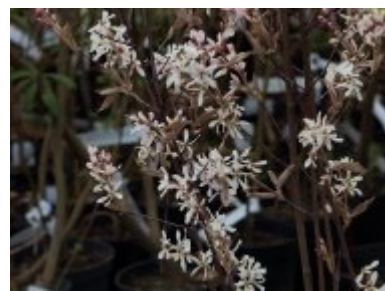
*A. x grandiflora* 'Robin Hill' is also a popular variety as it has a more compact upright habit although it may grow slightly taller to 25ft or so. Its flower buds are pink opening pale pink and fading to white. The fruits are blue-black.



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