

*Sorbus*

## **Sorbus, Service Tree (*Rosaceae*)**



### **aucuparia**

Origin: Europe, Asia Minor, North Africa. Deciduous tree with upright habit, sometimes feathered, round with age. Leaves 15-22cm long made up of 6-8 pairs of toothed leaflets. White flowers in corymbs in May-June, followed by coral-red fruit, very attractive to birds. No particular requirements as regards soil but prefers it to be rich in humus. Popular as an ornamental tree along streets and in gardens in all mountain areas and foothills in Europe but not only because it withstands the cold but also for its beauty, with its slender shape which does not take

up too much space and the sparse foliage that allows the grass beneath it to grow well.

### **aucuparia "Autumn Spire"**

Large shrub or small tree with narrow columnar habit, suitable for small gardens. Leaves an attractive reddish-yellow in autumn and yellow berries with red centre in late summer.



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**cashmiriana**

Origin: Kashmir. Small deciduous tree or large shrub with pyramidal, large, spreading crown. Leaves made up of 7-19 deep green serrated leaflets. White flowers blushed with pale pink in May, followed by bunches of shiny white fruits that hang on branches for a long time, even after leaves have fallen. Thrives in light, fresh soil.

**domestica, Mountain Ash**

Origin: Southern Europe, North Africa, Western Asia. Deciduous tree forming a large round crown. Pinnate leaves made up of lanceolate leaflets are dark green on top, tomentose underneath. White flowers with a hint of pink in corymbs in May. Fruits 2-3 cm long, green with red patches where exposed to sunlight, edible when very ripe, after the frosts have sweetened them. Traditional fruit tree for rural landscapes, to be planted on its own in fresh, chalky, fertile terrain.





### **koehneana**

Origin: Central China. Large erect shrub, often multi-stemmed, or small deciduous tree, with branches that droop gracefully at the ends. Lovely foliage, with bright green lanceolate leaflets that turn deep red in autumn. White flowers in dense panicles in May-June, followed by shiny white fruits. Likes fertile, loose, slightly chalky soils. Withstands pollution.