Amelanchier lamarckii is a wonderfully versatile small tree, with great all year round interest.

It tends to grow naturally as a multistem, although it is also available as a single stem tree. Its beautifully delicate white spring flowers are produced in bountiful racemes, perfectly complementing the emerging bronze coloured leaves. The leaves then turn green before producing a wonderfully fiery display of reds and orange in autumn. The small black autumn berries are edible and can be used to make preserves and an alternative to sloe gin.

Amelanchier lamarckii will thrive in almost all soils, but does best in well drained lime free substrates.

**Plant Profile**

**Name:** Amelanchier lamarckii

**Common Name:** Snowy Mespilus

**Family:** Rosaceae

**Height:** 5-8m

**Leaves:** Unfolding bronze with silky hairs turning pale green. Orange-red autumn colour.

**Bark:** Smooth silver grey

**Flower:** White spring flowers

**Fruit:** Small red/black berries in mid summer

**Habit:** Funnel shaped crown
**Amelanchier lamarckii**  
(Snowy Mespilus)

The small black Autumn berries are edible and have a sweet apple flavour. The berries can also be used to make preserves and an alternative to sloe gin.