



## Crataegus laevigata 'Plena'



<b>Height</b>	10 m
<b>Crown</b>	round, half-open crown, capricious growing
<b>Bark and branches</b>	twigs grey, with thorns, bark brown-grey, peeling in small platelets
<b>Leaf</b>	ovate, 3/5 lobes, very dark green, 3 - 6 cm
<b>Flowers</b>	white, blossoming dirt pink, full, in panicles, May-June
<b>Fruits</b>	none, fruitless cultivar
<b>Spines/thorns</b>	Yes
<b>Toxicity</b>	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
<b>Soil type</b>	few soil requirements, prefers fairly heavy soil
<b>Paving</b>	tolerates no paving
<b>Winter hardiness zone</b>	5a (-28,8 to -26,1 °C)
<b>Wind resistance</b>	moderate
<b>Other resistances</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
<b>Fauna tree</b>	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for butterflies
<b>Application</b>	avenues and broad streets, small gardens
<b>Shape</b>	clearstem tree
<b>Origin</b>	Circa 1770
<b>Synonyms</b>	Crataegus laevigata 'Alboplena'

Crataegus laevigata 'Plena' is a tree with a dense, broad, more or less rounded crown and it grows up to 10 m in height. The trunk and branches are grey. The branches bear thorns approx. 2.5 cm long and viciously sharp. The leaves are a remarkable dark green and have 3 - 5 lobes. The double flowers grow in umbels and turn from white to dirty pink. 'Plena' is sterile and therefore produces no fruit. It prefers nutritious soils, not too moist. The soil must be sufficiently compact since the tree is sensitive to wind when the root system is not well developed. Can be used in parks, streets and gardens. Winter hardiness zone: 5a