Columnar Siberian Crab Apple

Malus baccata 'Columnaris'



Columnar Siberian Crab Apple in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A character ornamental for colder climates with fragrant white flowers in spring and persistent bright red fruit in fall, narrowly upright habit of growth; needs well-drained soil and full sun, an excellent choice for smaller landscapes

Ornamental Features

Columnar Siberian Crab Apple is primarily valued in the landscape for its rigidly columnar form. It is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Columnar Siberian Crab Apple is a deciduous tree with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Columnar Siberian Crab Apple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Columnar Siberian Crab Apple will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.