American Spirit Flowering Crab

Malus 'Amerspirzam'

Height: 18 feet

Spread: 18 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple



American Spirit Flowering Crab flowers
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery



American Spirit Flowering Crab fruit
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Description:

A beautiful and hardy cultivar with an nice rounded habit, covered in deep rose-red blooms in spring; fruit is cherry-red, small and persistent and adds ornamental value for fall and winter; beautiful yellow tones greet you in the fall

Ornamental Features

American Spirit Flowering Crab is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant rose flowers with red overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

American Spirit Flowering Crab is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

American Spirit Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

American Spirit Flowering Crab will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.