Joseph Rock Mountain Ash

Sorbus aucuparia 'Joseph Rock'



Joseph Rock Mountain Ash fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Rowan, Rowan Tree

Description:

A showy small accent tree with clusters of white flowers in spring followed by distinctive golden yellow berries into winter; shiny gray bark, attractive compound leaves turn fiery red and purple in fall; needs well drained soil

Ornamental Features

Joseph Rock Mountain Ash features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The yellow fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from early fall to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn an outstanding red in the fall. The smooth olive green bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Joseph Rock Mountain Ash is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Joseph Rock Mountain Ash is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Joseph Rock Mountain Ash will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. 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.