Burgundy Flowering Crab

Malus 'Burgundy'



Burgundy Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A wonderful tree cloaked in deep burgundy-red flowers in spring and small persistent purple fruit in fall, upright and spreading habit of growth; the definitive ornamental feature tree for the front yard, needs well-drained soil and full sun



Burgundy Flowering Crab flowers
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Ornamental Features

Burgundy Flowering Crab is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant burgundy flowers with dark red overtones along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy purple pomes displayed from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Burgundy Flowering Crab is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Burgundy Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Burgundy Flowering Crab will grow to be about 25 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 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.