Morning Princess Flowering Crab

Malus 'Morning Princess'



Morning Princess Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

One of the best ornamental trees for home landscape use; a newer version of Royalty with purple foliage all season long, showy pink flowers in spring followed by purple fruit, more upright habit, disease resistant; needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Morning Princess Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant shell pink flowers with pink overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive purple deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall. The fruits are showy purple pomes displayed from early to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Morning Princess 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Morning Princess Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Morning Princess Flowering Crab will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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.