Red Barron Flowering Crab

Malus 'Red Barron'



Red Barron Flowering Crab flowers
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple, Red Baron

Description:

A beautiful accent tree covered in abundant deep red flowers in spring followed by persistent deep red fruit in fall, distinctive narrowly upright form ideal for smaller landscapes; needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Red Barron Flowering Crab is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant red flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy dark red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Red Barron Flowering Crab 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 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

Red Barron Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Red Barron Flowering Crab will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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.