Thunder Bay Flowering Crab

Malus 'Thunder Bay'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A highly regarded accent tree smothered in fuschia pink flowers in spring and persistent small red fruit in fall, upright habit of growth; an excellent ornamental feature tree for the home landscape, needs well-drained soil and full sun



Thunder Bay Flowering Crab flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Thunder Bay Flowering Crab is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant fuchsia flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy dark red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall.



Thunder Bay Flowering Crab in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Thunder Bay 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 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.

Thunder Bay Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Thunder Bay 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.