Carmine Flowering Crab

Malus x atrosanguinea



Carmine Flowering Crab flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A captivating ornamental variety, smothered in fragrant rose-pink flowers in spring followed by red fruit in fall; upright, twisted branches with pendulous branchlets; needs well-drained soil and full sun; makes a wonderful landscape accent



Carmine Flowering Crab in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Carmine Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant shell pink flowers with a rose reverse along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn yellow in fall. The smooth brown bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Carmine Flowering Crab is a dense deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance 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;

- Messy
- Disease

Carmine Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Carmine Flowering Crab will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 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 species is not originally from North America.