# Van Eseltine Flowering Crab

***Malus 'Van Eseltine'***



*Van Eseltine Flowering Crab flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

**Description:**

A superb ornamental featuring showy rose flowers in spring and yellow fruit in fall, narrow habit of growth becoming distinctively vase-shaped with age; give a prominent place in the landscape, needs well-drained soil and full sun

**Ornamental Features**

Van Eseltine Flowering Crab is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant semi-double pink flowers with white overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy yellow pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.



*Van Eseltine Flowering Crab in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Van Eseltine Flowering Crab is a dense 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;

- Messy
- Disease

Van Eseltine Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

**Planting & Growing**

Van Eseltine Flowering Crab will grow to be about 25 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.