Edulis Mountain Ash

Sorbus aucuparia 'Edulis'



Edulis Mountain Ash fruit
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Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Rowan, Sorbus aucuparia var. edulis

Description:

A narrowly pyramidal to oval accent tree with clusters of white flowers in spring followed by edible orange-red berries that persist into winter; compound leaves turn yellow, orange, and red in fall; ideal for small properties; needs well drained soil

Ornamental Features

Edulis Mountain Ash features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. It features an abundance of magnificent orange berries with red overtones from early fall to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The large oval compound leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow, orange and red in the fall. The smooth olive green bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

This plant is primarily grown as an ornamental, but it's also valued for its edible qualities. The round sour berries are most often used in the following ways:

- Preserves

Landscape Attributes

Edulis Mountain Ash is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Edulis Mountain Ash is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Edulis Mountain Ash will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.