Ivory Spear® Flowering Crab

Malus 'JFS KW214MX'



Ivory Spear Flowering Crab
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Group/Class: Spear Collection

Description:

A stunning selection with a tightly columnar habit and excellent disease resistance; white flowers from deep pink buds in spring; bright, cherry red fruit persists into late autumn; dark green foliage offers tones of yellow in fall

Ornamental Features

Ivory Spear Flowering Crab is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with buttery yellow eyes along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy cherry red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to early winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow and in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ivory Spear 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 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.

Ivory Spear Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Ivory Spear Flowering Crab will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. 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.