Scarlet Brandywine Flowering Crab

Malus 'Scarlet Brandywine'



Scarlet Brandywine Flowering Crab flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

Striking magenta-pink fragrant flowers that look like little roses covering this tree are a breathtaking sight in spring; incredible contrast with dark maroon leaves; small orange fruits like little pumpkins add ornamental interest in the fall and winter

Ornamental Features

Scarlet Brandywine Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant double hot pink flowers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. The fruits are showy orange 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.

Landscape Attributes

Scarlet Brandywine 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy

Scarlet Brandywine Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Scarlet Brandywine 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 3 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.