American Masterpiece Flowering Crab

Malus 'American Masterpiece'



American Masterpiece Flowering Crab flowers
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

Flowers display brilliant red from the first tight buds until the last petals fall; summer brings deep maroon foliage, and in autumn unique pumpkin orange fruit compliments the dark red foliage and remains on the tree in winter; disease tolerant

Ornamental Features

American Masterpiece Flowering Crab is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant red flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds 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.

Landscape Attributes

American Masterpiece 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

American Masterpiece Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

American Masterpiece Flowering Crab will grow to be about 25 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 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.