Red Splendor Flowering Crab

Malus 'Red Splendor'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A deservedly popular ornamental tree that's smothered in pink flowers in spring and persistent red fruit in fall, spreading habit of growth with dark foliage; an exceptional ornamental accent for the home landscape, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Red Splendor Flowering Crab is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive brick red-tipped dark green foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Red Splendor Flowering Crab is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Splendor Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Red Splendor Flowering Crab in fall
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Red Splendor Flowering Crab flowers
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- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Red Splendor Flowering Crab will grow to be about 20 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.



Red Splendor Flowering Crab fruit
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