Sparkler Flowering Crab

Malus 'Sparkler'



Sparkler Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A beautiful tree featuring showy rose-red flowers in spring and colorful red fruit in fall, hardy with a spreading habit of growth; the definitive ornamental accent for the front yard, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Sparkler Flowering Crab is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant cherry red flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy dark red pomes carried in abundance from early to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges brick red in spring. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Sparkler 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 is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Sparkler Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Sparkler Flowering Crab will grow to be about 15 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.