Bob White Flowering Crab

Malus 'Bob White'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A phenomenal small tree featuring showy white flowers in spring and colorful yellow fruit in fall, wide-spreading habit of growth; the definitive ornamental accent for the home landscape, a popular selection, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Bob White Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy yellow pomes carried in abundance from early to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Bob White Flowering Crab is a dense 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



Bob White Flowering Crab in bloom
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Bob White Flowering Crab flowers
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Bob White Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Bob White Flowering Crab will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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.



Bob White Flowering Crab fruit
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