Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab

Malus 'Professor Sprenger'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

An exceptional accent tree smothered in white flowers in spring followed by colorful orange-red fruit in fall, upright habit of growth, disease resistant; begs to be given a prominent location in the front yard, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab is blanketed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy orange pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab is a dense 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab in bloom
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Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab flowers
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- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Professor Sprenger 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.



Professor Sprenger Flowering Crab fruit
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