Hopa Flowering Crab

Malus 'Hopa'



Hopa Flowering Crab in bloom
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A showy feature tree with abundant rose-pink flowers in spring and colorful red fruit in fall, very hardy but somewhat susceptible to disease; the definitive ornamental accent for the front yard, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Hopa Flowering Crab is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant rose flowers with white centers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance in early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.



Hopa Flowering Crab flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Hopa 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 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;

- Messy
- Disease

Hopa Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Hopa Flowering Crab will grow to be about 25 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.