



Excalibur Flowering Crab

Malus 'Excalibur'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A delightful dwarf tree with showy white flowers in spring and golden yellow fruit in fall, very compact, rounded habit of growth; makes an exceptional accent for the garden, best used as a solitary, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Excalibur 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 gold pomes carried in abundance from early to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Excalibur Flowering Crab is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub 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 shrub 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.

Excalibur Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Excalibur Flowering Crab flowers
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Excalibur Flowering Crab in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Excalibur Flowering Crab will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 shrub 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 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.