Purple Prince Flowering Crab

Malus 'Purple Prince'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

An outstanding rosy blooming crab; the purple bronze foliage and bright rosy blossoms are stunning in spring; fast growing, does not suffer from stem splitting and has very good disease resistance

Ornamental Features

Purple Prince Flowering Crab is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive light green deciduous foliage which emerges purple in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The fruits are showy burgundy pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Prince 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.



Purple Prince Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Purple Prince Flowering Crab flowers
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This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purple Prince Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade



Purple Prince Flowering Crab fruit
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Planting & Growing

Purple Prince 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 2 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 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.