Royal Ruby Flowering Crab

Malus 'Royal Ruby'



Royal Ruby Flowering Crab flowers
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

An excellent small ornamental tree for the home landscape, featuring fuchsia-pink flowers which emerge from red buds in spring and deep red fruit in fall on a dwarf upright form, good fall color too; needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Royal Ruby Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant fuchsia flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Royal Ruby 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.

Royal Ruby Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Royal Ruby Flowering Crab will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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.