



THE CRABAPPLE

The Crabapple is a beautiful spring flowering tree valued for its wonderful flowers and often for its fruit and various forms. The Crabapple makes an excellent home landscape tree and because of its small stature makes a good selection for planting under utility lines. They are quite hardy and very popular in the north where cold winters prevent other spring blooming trees from performing well.

Crabapples are simple to grow and adapt to most sites. They require lots of sun. They are easy to maintain with a light fertilizing each year and require little pruning other than to keep them in shape and to remove rapidly growing branches (4' in a season) called suckers from the base or called watersprouts from the inner branches. If well cared for, Crabapple trees will reward you for decades. (Plus the birds will love them; many species feed on Crabapple fruit in the winter).

In some cases, Crabapples have developed a poor reputation as a result of getting disease problems. There are four diseases that are common with Crabapples: fire blight, mildew, rust and scab. Older varieties of Crabapples were plagued by these four diseases. Fortunately, extensive breeding and evaluation programs in recent years have produced numerous selections that are resistant to these problems.

We recommend the following disease resistant varieties for your landscape:



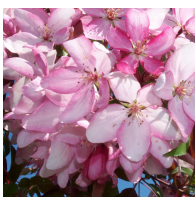
Adams– rounded in form, reaching 20' in height and width. **Flowers deep pink in bud and clear red when open.** Fruit is 5/8" in size and glossy dark red. Foliage emerges with red tint and it turns dark green all season.



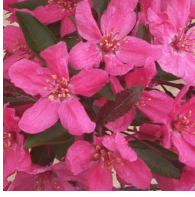
Donald Wyman– rounded in form, reaching 20' in height and width. **Flowers red to pink in bud and pure white when open.** Fruit is 3/8" in size and bright red. Foliage is dark green all season.



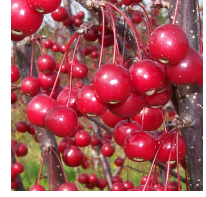
Louisa – weeping in form and reaching 15' in height and width. **Gorgeous true pink flowers.** Fruit is yellow to orange in color and 1/4". Foliage is dark green.



Pink Spires– narrow upright in form, reaching 25' in height and only 12' in width. **Flowers lavender pink.** Fruit is 1/2" in size and maroon red. Foliage is maroon tinted all season.



Prairifire – rounded in form, reaching 20’ in height and width. **Flowers crimson in bud and bright red when open.** Fruit is 3/8” in size and dark red. Foliage emerges dark maroon and has red cast all season.



Red Jade– weeping in form, reaching 15’ in height and width. **Flowers pink in bud and pure white when open.** Fruit is 1/2” in size and glossy red. Foliage is dark lustrous green.



Robinson – spreading in form, reaching 25’ in height and width. **Flowers crimson in bud and pink when open.** Fruit is 3/8” in size and dark red. Foliage emerges with red tint and is dark green with a bronze tint all season. Develops nice fall color.



Royal Raindrops – upright spreading in form to 20’ in height and 15’ width. **Flowers are burgundy in bud and red when open.** Fruit is a dark red-purple and 1/4” in size. Foliage emerges wine red in color and is a very unique and attractive cut-leaf form. It turns dark green with a red tint when mature and develops nice orange-red fall color.



Sargents– a natural dwarf, spreading in form, reaching 10’ in height and 15’ width. **Flowers pure white.** Fruit is 1/4” in size and bright red. Foliage is lustrous dark green all season.

- Jeff Thompson
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