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Honeycrisp Apple

Malus 'Honeycrisp'

Plant Height: 12 feet

Flower Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An exceedingly crisp hardy red apple with a sweet and juicy flavor, keeps extremely well; eating apples are high maintenance and need a second pollinator; the perfect combination of accent and fruit tree, needs well-drained soil and full sun



Honeycrisp Apple fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Edible Qualities

Honeycrisp Apple is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large red round apples (which are botanically known as 'pomes') with creamy white flesh which are usually ready for picking from early to mid fall. The apples have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The apples are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking



Honeycrisp Apple flowers
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Features & Attributes

Honeycrisp Apple features showy clusters of lightly-scented white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds before the leaves. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy red apples carried in abundance in late summer. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

This is a deciduous tree 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 is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care 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 and bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Suckering
- Insects
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Honeycrisp Apple is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- General Garden Use
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping
- Topiary

Planting & Growing

Honeycrisp Apple will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity extending to 15 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It 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.

Important Pruning Information

Apples should only be pruned when dormant to reduce the risk of spreading bacterial infection. Fireblight can be a problem on apples. Please consult our nursery staff for more information on management practices.