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Louisa Flowering Crab

Malus 'Louisa'



Louisa Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A stunning ornamental feature tree with showy pink flowers in spring and interesting yellow fruit in fall, broadly weeping habit of growth; makes a wonderful accent in a landscape or garden composition, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Louisa Flowering Crab is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy yellow pomes carried in abundance from mid summer to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.



Louisa Flowering Crab flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Louisa Flowering Crab is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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 tree 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;

- Disease

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Louisa Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Louisa Flowering Crab will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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.

Important Pruning Information

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