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Tina Flowering Crab

Malus sargentii 'Tina'



Tina Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Sargent's Flowering Crab, Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

One of the most popular dwarf ornamentals, smothered in fragrant pink flowers in spring followed by red fruit in fall, artistic branching habit is very attractive; needs well-drained soil and full sun, makes a great accent in the mixed garden border



Tina Flowering Crab flowers
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Ornamental Features

Tina Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with shell pink overtones and a pink reverse along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive cherry red flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from mid summer to early fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The smooth brown bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Tina Flowering Crab is a dense deciduous shrub with a strong central leader and an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub 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 and bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Tina Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Tina Flowering Crab will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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.