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Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple

Malus 'Purple Prince'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Flowering Crab

Description:

An outstanding rosy blooming crab; the purple bronze foliage and bright rosy blossoms are stunning in spring; fast growing, does not suffer from stem splitting and has excellent disease resistance

Ornamental Features

Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive light green deciduous foliage which emerges purple in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The fruits are showy burgundy pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple is a dense 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 relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade
- General Garden Use



*Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple in bloom
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*Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple
flowers
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Planting & Growing

Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 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.



*Purple Prince Flowering Crabapple fruit
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