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Louisa Flowering Crab

Malus "Louisa"

Malus "Louisa" in bloom
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Malus "Louisa" flowers
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

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. It has dark green foliage throughout the season. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy yellow pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. The rough brown bark is not particularly outstanding.

Landscape Attributes:

Louisa Flowering Crab is a deciduous tree with 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 to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Louisa Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

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Plant Characteristics:

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 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.