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HOME AND GARDEN

Pink Spires Flowering Crab

Malus 'Pink Spires'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

An upright ornamental tree that's taking the gardening world by storm, with showy rose-pink flowers in spring followed by persistent bright red fruit in fall; makes a great accent for smaller home landscapes, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Pink Spires Flowering Crab is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers with lavender overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive ruby-red flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive coppery-bronze-tipped dark green foliage which emerges brick red in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pink Spires Flowering Crab is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal 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 tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Pink Spires Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Pink Spires Flowering Crab in bloom
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Pink Spires Flowering Crab flowers
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- Accent
- Shade
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Pink Spires Flowering Crab will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, 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 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.



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