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Courageous Flowering Crab

Malus 'DurLawrence'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Rosebloom, Crabapple

Description:

A distinctive feature tree with showy pink and white flowers in spring emerging from red buds; upright, broad, and seedless; needs well-drained soil and full sun, excellent for smaller landscapes

Ornamental Features

Courageous Flowering Crab is blanketed in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers with white overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Courageous Flowering Crab is a dense deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Courageous Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening



Courageous Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Courageous Flowering Crab flowers
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Planting & Growing

Courageous Flowering Crab will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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.