



Crabapple, Royal Raindrops

Malus 'JFS-KW5'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

Bright pinkish red flowers combine with deep purple cutleaf foliage to present a stunning crabtree; excellent upright form, branching and density; demonstrates great resistance to the common diseases

Ornamental Features

Crabapple, Royal Raindrops is covered in stunning clusters of rose flowers along the branches in mid spring before the leaves. It has attractive deep purple deciduous foliage. The deeply cut lobed leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Crabapple, Royal Raindrops is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Crabapple, Royal Raindrops is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Crabapple, Royal Raindrops in bloom
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*Crabapple, Royal Raindrops flowers
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- Accent
- Shade
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Crabapple, Royal Raindrops will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. 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.



*Crabapple, Royal Raindrops fruit
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