Crabapple, Flowering Sparkling Sprite

Malus 'JFS-KW207'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

Pink buds opening to white flowers cover the dense rounded head of this top grafted, compact selection; showy and persistent golden berries in fall that slowly turns orange; makes a spectacular front yard accent; needs full sun and good drainage

Ornamental Features

Crabapple, Flowering Sparkling Sprite is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. The fruits are showy gold pomes which fade to orange over time, which are carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Crabapple, Flowering Sparkling Sprite is a deciduous tree with a strong central leader and 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 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.

Crabapple, Flowering Sparkling Sprite is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent



Crabapple, Flowering Sparkling Sprite flowers
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Planting & Growing

Crabapple, Flowering Sparkling Sprite will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (2): Blooms in spring; then set 1/4 to 1/2 inch berries that birds eats during winter. Berries are persistent, meaning they stay on the tree until they dry. The dried berries and leaves can be blown or raked onto the lawn and mowed or bagged.



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