Crabapple, Flowering 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 cut leaf foliage and persistent 1/4 inch berries to present a stunning crabtree; excellent upright form, branching and density; demonstrates great resistance to the common diseases



Crabapple, Flowering Royal Raindrops flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Crabapple, Flowering 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.



Crabapple, Flowering Royal Raindrops in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

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

- Accent
- Shade
- General Garden Use



Crabapple, Flowering Royal Raindrops in fall
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Planting & Growing

Crabapple, Flowering 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. 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.