Crabapple, Flowering Sugar Tyme

Malus 'Sugar Tyme'

Height: 18 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A popular ornamental tree that's completely smothered in fragrant pure white flowers in spring and persistent red fruit in fall, upright habit of growth; the definitive ornamental accent for the front yard, needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Crabapple, Flowering Sugar Tyme is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes 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 Sugar Tyme is a deciduous tree with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 Sugar Tyme is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Crabapple, Flowering Sugar Tyme in bloom
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Crabapple, Flowering Sugar Tyme flowers
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- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Crabapple, Flowering Sugar Tyme will grow to be about 18 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.



Crabapple, Flowering Sugar Tyme in fall
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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.