Red Jade Flowering Crab

Malus 'Red Jade'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A tremendously artistic ornamental shrub that's smothered in showy pinkish-white flowers in spring and colorful red fruit in fall, compact and gracefully pendulous habit of growth, can be trained for maximum effect; needs well-drained soil and full sun

Ornamental Features

Red Jade Flowering Crab is smothered in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Red Jade Flowering Crab is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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 is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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 to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Red Jade Flowering Crab in bloom
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Red Jade Flowering Crab fruit
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Red Jade Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Red Jade Flowering Crab will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 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 shrub 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.

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