

Texas Scarlet Quince



Medicinal uses:
Especially in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), with its dried fruit used to treat conditions like rheumatism, dysentery, and vitamin C deficiency. Modern research highlights its properties, including anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and antimicrobial effects, attributed to compounds such as phenolic acids, terpenoids, and flavonoids. The plant's extracts show potential in protecting the liver, boosting immunity, and even treating conditions like Parkinson's disease and certain tumors.



Chaenomeles speciosa 'Texas Scarlet'

- **Use:** This small, deciduous shrub produces masses of double, fiery -scarlet apple blossom-like flowers in early spring before the glossy, dark green foliage appears. This easy grower matures at 3 feet tall and 5 feet wide. Best used in shrub borders and mass plantings.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun to light shade. Flowering is best in full sun. Tolerant of poor soils and are quite drought resistant. This makes them easy to care for and nearly indestructible once established. However, moderate watering is appreciated weekly in the heat of summer
- **Growth:** Moderate growing 3-4 feet tall by 4-5 feet wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. Small green leaves.
- **Flower:** Known for its prolific, fiery red, watermelon-shaped flowers that bloom in early spring before the glossy green leaves emerge. Excellent as a cut flower in tall vases in early spring. Bears edible, quince-like fruit that are best tasting when processed in preserves or jellies.

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