

# Callaway Crabapple



This variety was selected at Callaway Gardens in Georgia for its superior performance there. It is one of the best crabapple trees for Southern areas because it has a low-chill requirement for flowering and fruiting. It also has excellent resistance to scab, fire blight, powdery mildew, and cedar-apple rust, even through hot, humid summer conditions. The rounded tree form is usually sligher taller than wide. Horticulture professor Michael Dirr, Ph.D., names it as one of his top 12 crabapples.

## *Malus pumila* 'Callaway'

- **Use:** A strikingly beautiful, a naturally dwarf variety, and perfect for your yard or landscape. Cascades of snow-white blossoms in the spring are followed by an abundant harvest of teardrop-shaped, sparkling red, sweet-tart apples, great for eating, pickling, and jelly.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sunlight, and plenty of it, is a key to increasing fruit production. Pick an area where the trees will be in the sun most or all of the day. The early morning sun is particularly important because it dries the dew from the leaves thereby reducing the incidence of diseases. If the planting site does not get plenty of sun, then you can't expect the best performance from the tree. Well-drained, rich soil. pH of 5.5 to 6.5 necessary.
- **Growth:** Grows 15-25 feet tall and 12-20 feet wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves are green, turning shades of yellow, orange, and red in fall.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** The large red fruits (1- to 1-1/2-inch diameter) of the Callaway crabapple are good for making jelly as well as attracting birds to the garden. The tree blooms in spring with single white fragrant flowers

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