

# Pink Glow/Dolgo Crabapple



Its beauty, hardiness, and compact size make this crabapple a versatile choice for any landscape. It is even adaptable to urban environments, so these trees thrive in a wide range of conditions and settings! The Dolgo is also great for making pies, chutneys, butter, jams, jellies, beer, ciders and sauces. Plan to make healthy fruit leather or pickle the fruit from your tree, as well.

You can even use them to make your own pectin, a beneficial soluble fiber used as a gelling agent to set any kind of fruit jelly or jam. Dolgo's are naturally blessed with an abundance of pectin. You may have seen this as a supplement at the health food store to help maintain normal blood sugar levels.

## *Malus x 'Dolgo/Pink Glow'*

- **Use:** The fruit is on the larger size for a crab apple, making it easy to use in the kitchen - it is perfect for crab apple jelly and a good source of pectin for other fruit jellies. The blossom is plain white but borne in profusion early in the apple-blossom season, making Pink Glow an excellent pollinator for all early-flowering apple varieties. Resistance to fire blight and apple scab. High juice content and excellent flavor for everything from jelly to cider. The bloom lasts for weeks! This long bloom period overlaps many other varieties, which is why it is included in many apple orchards. An excellent pollinator for other apple tree in pollinator group 2.
- **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:** Moderate growing; reaches 20 to 25 ft. tall and 20-30' ft. wide. Crabapples benefit from modest amounts of pruning to eliminate water sprouts and improve airflow.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-9; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Leaves alternate, simple, glossy green. In fall, the shiny, deep-green foliage turns a stunning bright yellow that is certain to brighten your landscape
- **Flower/ Fruit:** The show begins when apricot-pink buds that open into an explosion of fragrant, self-pollinating, white flowers. (Alternate year bloomer). Fruit have an acidic, sweet-tart flavor that reminds one of a sugar-coated cranberry. The fruit are large for a crabapple but quite small by apple standards, about 1 to 1.5 inches in diameter. Each little olive-shaped fruit is crisp and juicy, with a bright red skin. In wintertime, you'll delight in the persistent ornamental fruit that hangs like Christmas ornaments on a tree. This provides a food source for local songbirds through the winter. Use it to naturalize a larger landscape and provide a source of food for wildlife.

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