

Prairie Fire Crabapple



Malus x 'Prairie Fire'

- **Use:** An outstanding flowering tree with an upright form that becomes rounded with age. Reddish new foliage matures to a dark green. Lovely deep pink spring flowers produce persistent, small, dark red-purple fruit. A colorful accent for smaller landscapes.
- **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 15 to 20 ft. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. New foliage is purple. Leaves are green, turning shades of yellow, orange, and red in fall. During the long days of winter the reddish-brown bark resembles that of a stone fruit tree.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** In spring flowers form all over the tree. They have a pinkish red color and are 1.5" in diameter. The flowers keep their wonderful color all through the blooming period. Flowers give rise to dark-red fruit which are .5" in diameter. The fruit hang on the tree during the fall and winter providing food that larger song-birds greatly enjoy.

Very resistant to apple scab, cedar-apple rust, fire blight, and mildew

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