

# Sargent Crab Crabapple



Attractive spreading dwarf form; red buds turn to white flowers; red persistent fruit. Crabapples are the most stunning of spring flowering trees for Midwest landscapes. Not only are most crabapples small trees, making them an appropriate size for most home gardens, but their spring blooming is so prolific and showy one can't help but love these trees. They are exciting throughout the year, with craggy branches and persistent fruits in winter.



Reaches 8-10 feet high; 10 to 12 feet wide.



Full sun



Crabapples need regular water (especially the first year), but do better in dry rather than wet soil.



- Prune in late winter or just after flowering. Light pruning is useful for keeping plants healthy, improving form, and correcting structural problems.
- It is important to disinfect pruning tools after each cut since pathogens can be spread by pruning tools.



- Heavy cuts of one-inch or more should be avoided since they induce excessive water-sprout growth that will ultimately fill in the tree center.
- Pruning should only be done for the health of your tree more than for aesthetics. Keep this in mind when deciding whether or not to cut branches. If you do cut, make sure that it is done before June.

