

Leprechaun Flowering Crab



Leprechaun Flowering Crab *Malus 'Leprechaun'*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

Description:

A beautiful and hardy cultivar with an nice upward spreading habit; covered in lovely pink blooms that fade to white, fruit is red, small and persistent and adds ornamental value for fall and winter; glorious gold tones greet you in the fall

Ornamental Features

Leprechaun Flowering Crab is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers with white streaks along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Leprechaun Flowering Crab is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Leprechaun Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use



Leprechaun Flowering Crab in bloom
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Leprechaun Flowering Crab flowers
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Planting & Growing

Leprechaun Flowering Crab will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.