### **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Hamlet Flowering Crab**

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# Hamlet Flowering Crab Malus 'Hamzam'

Height: 10 feet Spread: 8 feet Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

#### **Description:**

A delightful shrub with rosy-pink flowers in spring and bright red fruit in fall, very compact, rounded habit of growth; makes an exceptional accent for the garden, best used as a solitary, needs well-drained soil and full sun

#### **Ornamental Features**

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

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Hamlet Flowering Crab is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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.



Hamlet Flowering Crab flowers
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery



Hamlet Flowering Crab in bloom
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hamlet Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

#### **Planting & Growing**

Hamlet Flowering Crab will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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.

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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.