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Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple



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Malus 'Echtermeyer'

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Rosebloom, Crabapple

Description:

Magnificent deep red buds open to fragrant pink flowers in abundance, along graceful weeping branches; volumes of crimson fruit emerge in late summer and are persistent throughout fall; purple new foliage matures to bronze-green in spring and summer

Ornamental Features

Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple is draped in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive coppery-bronze-variegated forest green foliage which emerges purple in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn outstanding shades of yellow and red in the fall. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early to late fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

Landscape Attributes

Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a rounded form and gracefully weeping branches. 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease



Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple flowers
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Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Echtermeyer Weeping Crab Apple will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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.

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.