



## Nicoline Flowering Crab

*Malus 'Nicoline'*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

### Description:

A stunning accent tree with abundant showy red to pink flowers in spring and persistent dark red fruit in fall, compact habit of growth; an exemplary ornamental feature for the garden border, best as a solitary, needs well-drained soil and full sun

### Ornamental Features

Nicoline Flowering Crab is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant pink flowers with red overtones along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive hot pink flower buds before the leaves. The fruits are showy crimson pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges dark red in spring. The pointy leaves turn outstanding shades of yellow and coppery-bronze in the fall.

### Landscape Attributes

Nicoline Flowering Crab is a deciduous tree 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 is a high maintenance tree that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Nicoline Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Nicoline Flowering Crab flowers*  
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*Nicoline Flowering Crab in bloom*  
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- Accent
- Shade

### **Planting & Growing**

Nicoline Flowering Crab 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 3 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 tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. 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.