Stauffers OF KISSEL HILL HOME & GARDEN

## Ruby Tears™ Flowering Crab

***Malus 'Bailears'***



*Ruby Tears Flowering Crab*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Roseybloom, Crabapple

**Description:**

Naturally weeping branches are a hallmark of this lovely variety; loaded with pink blossoms in mid spring and burgundy foliage keeps the interest all season long; smaller size makes it a perfect ornamental choice for the garden



*Ruby Tears Flowering Crab fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Ruby Tears Flowering Crab is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant double pink flowers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds before the leaves. It has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage which emerges ruby-red in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding red in the fall. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Ruby Tears Flowering Crab 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Ruby Tears Flowering Crab is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Ruby Tears Flowering Crab will grow to be about 10 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.