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Crab apple

Crab apples are grown for their flowers, small spherical fruits and autumn colour. They are quite distinct from orchard apples or commercial apples (*Malus domestica*) which are grown for their fruit. Crabs do have edible fruit but some are bitter and unpalatable unless cooked and used in jams or relishes. Historically malus and *Pyrus* (pears) were thought to be part of the same genus but their fruits are never pear shaped. The flowers of *Malus* in April or May can be seen as exceptional ornamental flowers trees on a par with *Prunus* (cherries). However the female parts of malus flowers have five styles whereas *Prunus* have only one.



Malus Apples

The sight of a crab apple in autumn laden with red or yellow fruits and red, orange or yellow foliage can easily equal the spring flowering performance. The fruits (birds permitting) hold on the tree long after the leaves have fallen.

Malus can be grown from seed collected from the crabs but, in the vicinity of other apples or crabs, they may well not come true. Crabs are therefore normally propagated by grafting in the winter.

The varieties which we offer represent the very best from a huge range:

M. 'Evelyn' has fragrant single pink flowers and dark purple leaves which turn a stunning orange-red in the autumn. A spectacular North American variety.



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Malus 'Golden Hornet'



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Malus 'John Downie'



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Malus 'Profusion'



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Malus 'Red Sentinel'



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Malus 'Royalty'



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