



Malus 'Prairiefire'



Height	5 - 6 m
Width	5-6m
Crown	round, half-open crown
Bark and branches	twigs dark, reddish brown, bark dark brown
Leaf	oval to elliptical, dark green
Flowers	purplish pink, flower buds red, May
Fruits	dark purplish red to purplish brown, 1 - 1.2 cm
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	nutrient-rich, well-drained soil
Paving	tolerates paving
Winter hardiness zone	5 (-28,8 to -23,4 °C)
Wind resistance	good, susceptible to sea wind
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	industrial areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Dan F. Dayton, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, USA, 1982

Initially this small tree has an upright habit. Later it becomes round and approx. 5 - 6 m tall and wide. The year-old twigs are dark reddish brown. The sprouting leaf is purplish red and turns dark green later in the season. The purplish pink flowers open out of red buds. These measure 3.5 to 4 cm and open in May. They are followed by small, dark purplish red to purplish brown crab apples. 'Prairiefire' is a crab apple with a lavish blossom and beautifully coloured fruits that are only slightly susceptible to scab.