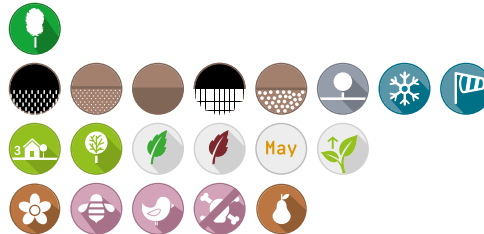




## Malus 'Prairiefire'



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