

Prairie Crabapple

Malus ioensis

-Prairie Crabapple (a.k.a. Iowa crab) can either be considered a small tree or a large shrub. It can grow to heights from 10-18 feet. The trunk of Prairie Crabapple is short and crooked. Prairie Crabapple forms a broad, irregular, rounded crown of rigid, contorted branches bearing many short, thorn-like shoots.

-The bark of Prairie Crabapple is reddish brown and scaly.

-Prairie Crabapple is shade intolerant, therefore it has to be planted in areas that receive full sun.

-Prairie Crabapple flowers in May and June. The flowers are pinkish/white and are very fragrant.

-I fully believe that individuals who have small children and/or grandchildren should plant native trees, shrubs, ferns, wildflowers, and emergent aquatic vegetation that foster an appreciation for Nature. One of the simplest ways to have a child appreciate Nature is to plant something that they find pretty and then let them enjoy it.



**I have four senses that you are to reach.
If I am to learn and you are to teach.
With taste, touch, sight, and smell so clear.
Why do I have to gain all of my knowledge through my ear?**

-Author Unknown