PLANT FACT SHEET

Malus ioensis (Alph. Wood) Britton

GENUS *Malus* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Prairie crabapple, Bechel's Crab Apple, Iowa crabapple

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit is eaten raw. It is also made into jelly, preserves and pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous tree. It grows 8 m tall. It is a broad spreading shape. The bark is reddish to purple brown and flaking. The leaves are broadly oval and 10 cm long by 5 cm across. They have shallow lobes and teeth. They are glossy green above and downy underneath. They turn bright orange-red in autumn. They flowers are pink to white with 5 petals. They are borne in clusters of up to 6. The fruit are rounded and smooth. They are hard and acid. They are pale green but can be flushed with red. They are on short stalks.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to C. United States. It grows along moist streambanks and the edges of woods. In Hobart Botanical gardens. It suits hardiness zones 2-9.

NOTES

There are about 35 Malus species and very many cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



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