

Height:	30' to 50' (40' at age 30) 20'
Width:	to 35' (30' at age 30)
Hardiness Zone:	5 to 8
Crown:	conical to broadly ovate, medium texture
Foliage:	2" to 3", glossy green; yellow, bronze, or red in fall
Flowers:	white, abundant, malodorous
Fruit:	1/2 " pome, sometimes abundant but hidden in foliage

Description: This Chinese species was first introduced for use in breeding or as an understock for fruit production. USDA scientists recognized its ornamental value, and released 'Bradford' as the first of many landscape cultivars that were to follow. The tree occurs on slopes and in swamps in a mild region of China.

Advantages: Valued for its attractive foliage and flowers, tolerance of city conditions, and medium size. Some cultivars have been planted extensively.

Limitations: On older trees large branches may split from the trunk at weak crotches. Fireblight susceptibility is quite variable among trees grown from seed, and can be severe. Cankers have been reported, but no serious disease or insect problems. Trees grown from seed have thorns and excessive fruit.

Site and Culture: Transplant B&B in spring. Adaptable to many soils, and tolerant of pollution and drought. For certain cultivars pruning has been suggested to thin out the scaffold branches and reduce branch length. Pruning should begin when trees are young and continue until a strong scaffold for the mature size has been established. Planting two or more cultivars together may increase fruit set.

Cultivars: Many cultivars have been selected for thornlessness and to improve upon 'Bradford' in branching habit and cold hardiness. Some are more resistant to fireblight than others.

Notes:

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