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*Malus angustifolia*

[Synonyms : *Malus coronaria*, *Malus sempervirens*, *Pyrus angustifolia*]

**AMERICAN CRAB APPLE** is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to southern United States it has very fragrant, pinkish-white flowers.

It is also known as Buncombe crab apple, Crabapple, Crabtree, Narrow-leaf crab, Narrow leaf crab apple, Southern crab, Southern crabapple, Violet-scented crab, Wild crab, and Wild crabapple.

*Angustifolia* is derived from Latin *angusti-* (narrow) and *-folia* (leaved) components.

North American Cherokee Indians enjoyed the small aromatic fruit which they sun-dried and also made into preserves.

The sour-tasting pale yellowish-green fruit (which are rich in pectin) have been eaten raw and used for making preserves, cider and pickles.

Deer, foxes, raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels and rabbits, as well as quail, pheasants and turkeys all compete for the fruit.

The hard wood has been made into tool and knife handles and levers.

American crab apple is cultivated as an ornamental especially for its fragrant flowers.