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Malus floribunda

[Synonyms : *Aronia arbutifolia* var. *atropurpurea*, *Aronia atropurpurea*, *Aronia floribunda*, *Aronia melanocarpa*, *Aronia prunifolia*, *Crataegus prunifolia*, *Malus pulcherrima*, *Mespilus prunifolia*, *Photinia floribunda*, *Pyrus arbutifolia* var. *atropurpurea*, *Pyrus floribunda*, *Pyrus pulcherrima*, *Sorbus arbutifolia* var. *atropurpurea*]

JAPANESE CRAB is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to Japan it has pale pink outside and white inside flowers.

It is also known as Hybrid chokeberry, *Jabloň mnohokvětá* (Czech), Japanese crab apple, Japanese flowering crabapple, Purple chokeberry, *Rosenapel* (Swedish), Showy crab, Showy crab apple, and *Sierappelboom* (Dutch).

Floribunda means ‘profusely or freely flowering’.

The very small fragrant, yellow or red fruit are edible and can be eaten raw or cooked.

Japanese crab was introduced to other Continents including Europe, Australasia and North America from 1862.

Today it is cultivated widely as an ornamental.