Cardinal Royal® Mountain Ash - New For 2026!

Sorbus aucuparia 'Michred'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Rowan, Rowan Tree

Description:

A narrowly oval accent tree with clusters of white flowers in spring followed by bright red berries that persist into winter; compound leaves with silver undersides turn flaming red in fall; ideal for small properties; needs well drained soil

Ornamental Features

Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The red fruits are held in abundance in spectacular clusters from early fall to late winter. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn an outstanding orange in the fall. The smooth olive green bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash in fall
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Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash flowers
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- Accent
- Shade
- Vertical Accent

Planting & Growing

Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Cardinal Royal Mountain Ash fruit
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