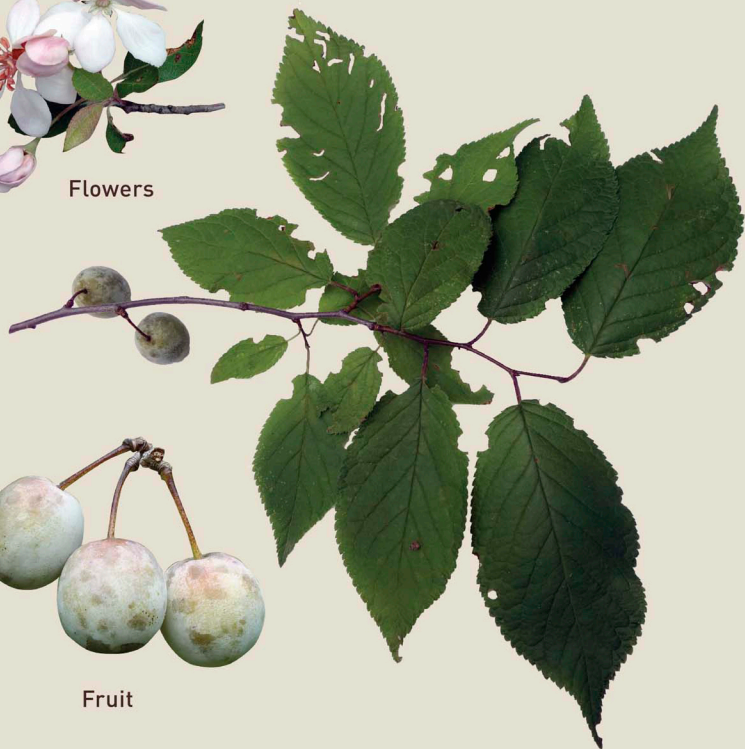




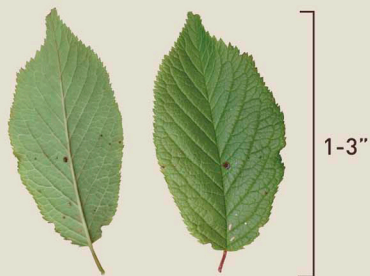
Flowers



Fruit



Height range 15-30'



# Southern Crab Apple

## *Malus angustifolia*

### The Rose Family (Rosaceae)

**Basic Description:** Small tree with a broad open crown, narrow, deciduous leaves arranged alternately along the twig, armed with thorns. Thin reddish-brown bark with vertical fissures.

**Interesting Facts:** Small tart apple makes good jelly because of its high pectin content. Hard heavy wood used for tool handles.

**Flower:** Five petaled blossoms appear in spring, flowering at first pink then fading to white. Insects must carry pollen from flowers on one tree to flowers on another tree in order to produce fruit (cross pollination).

**Fruit:** Small (.75 - 1") round and yellowish green pome (apple).

**Wildlife Value:** Hundreds of species of butterfly and moth caterpillars eat the leaves and many bees visit the flowers for pollen and nectar. Fruit is a favorite of many birds, deer and other wildlife including foxes, skunks and cottontail rabbits.

**Habitat:** Moist forest borders and openings; not commonly found in the Arboretum.

#### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



#### POLLINATOR

INSECT



#### WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

