


apple *Rosaceae Malus spp.* Mill.  symbol: MALUS



Leaf: Alternate, simple, elliptical to ovate, 1 1/2 to 3 inches, pinnately veined, finely serrated, sometimes borne on spur shoots, green above and paler, white pubescent below and on the petiole.

Flower: Monoecious; showy, may be white to red in color, with 5 petals for each flower; appear in the spring, usually in umbels.

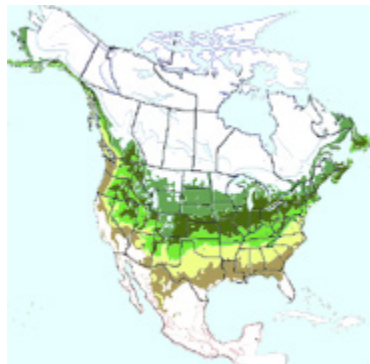
Fruit: Pomes of various sizes and color (cultivar dependent) ranging from yellow to red when ripe in the fall.

Twig: Moderate in thickness, brown to gray, rapid growth usually gray hairy, generally many spur shoots; buds plump ovate, gray hairy.

Bark: Variable, generally smooth when young, later thin and scaly.

Form: Generally poor, with twisted trunks and low branching; spur shoots are prominent. When unpruned, numerous sucker shoots form along trunk and in crown.

Looks like: [Callery pear](#) - [common pear](#) - [hawthorn](#)



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Malus spp. is planted in the highlighted [USDA hardiness zones](#) to the left and **may seed into the landscape**. [See a map of the states in which apple has escaped](#) (opens a new window).

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